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In my mind ... it was, you know, if I am going to die I'm going to help my battle buddies until it happens.



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Top: Former Army Sgt. Kyle White, who is to be awarded the Medal of Honor on Tuesday, spoke to Stars and Stripes on Sunday in Arlington, Va. Above: White wears a bracelet bearing the names of those killed at Aranas, Afghanistan, on the day of his heroic actions.

Q&A: Medal of Honor nominee Kyle White

BY JON HARPER
Stars and Stripes

FORMER Army Sgt. Kyle J. White will be awarded the Medal of Honor by President Barack Obama at a White House ceremony on Tuesday. White, 27, will receive the award for his actions during a dismounted movement in mountainous terrain in Aranas, Afghanistan. White was serving as a Platoon Radio Telephone Operator assigned to C Company, 2nd Battalion (Airborne), 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade, on Nov. 9, 2007, when his team of U.S. and Afghan National Army soldiers were ambushed by a much larger and more heavily armed Taliban force after a meeting with Afghan villagers. By the time the battle was over,

six U.S. servicemembers had been killed and others were seriously wounded. Before receiving the award, White sat down with Stars and Stripes to talk about the battle and life after the military.

How did the ambush at Aranas begin?

As we were walking down the trail down in the valley you heard a single one shot, and two shots, and then the whole valley erupted, and then RPGs and fully automatic fire came in from it seemed like every direction ... They had us outnumbered, that's for sure ... As the [enemy] fire kicked off, it kind of separated the patrol in two. And so after, you know, the initial shots, I didn't see the [separated part] of the patrol [until the battle was over].

You were knocked unconscious by an enemy RPG, is that correct?

Yes ... I fired my first magazine [and] I loaded another one, and as soon as I loaded another one it was lights out [when an RPG landed near my head] within the first probably 30 seconds of the firefight.

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Despite 'Bring Back Our Girls,' Boko Haram a long-term challenge

BY JOHN VANDIVER
Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — It's been a month since about 275 girls were kidnapped by the group Boko Haram, which has brought unprecedented attention to the little-known Nigerian terrorist outfit and

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sparked an international movement for action to ensure the safe return of the girls.

Everyone from first lady Michelle Obama and heads of state to rappers and actors and even Pope Francis have joined the "Bring Back Our Girls" movement

hashtagged on Twitter.

Some experts, however, say the attention could bring unexpected consequences if pressure for a more robust international response continues to build.

Already, some hawkish U.S. lawmakers in Congress have used the crisis to attack the Obama administration for being soft on

terrorism in northern Nigeria, raising the specter of a push to intensify U.S. military support in the region.

That, analysts say, is not so simple.

"What this group does is horrific, so of course there is this outrage and pressure

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The farce, which terrorists call the referendum, will have no legal consequences except the criminal responsibility for its organizers."

—Ukraine acting president Oleksandr Turchynov, commenting on the vote for separatism in the country's Donetsk and Luhansk regions

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Taliban attacks kill at least 16

By JOSH SMITH
Stars and Stripes

Just days before the official results from the first round of election voting are scheduled to be announced in Afghanistan, the Taliban launched their spring offensive on Monday with a wave of attacks that left at least 16 people dead across the country.

Insurgents killed four policemen at a checkpoint in the Taliban heartland of Helmand Province in the south, said Sulaiman Shah Sarwani, a district governor in Helmand province. At least two more policemen and five civilians died in an attack on a Justice Department building in the eastern city of Jalalabad, Afghan officials said.

All three attackers perished during the subsequent firefights with security forces. Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid claimed responsibility on behalf of the insurgent group.

In separate attacks, rockets were fired at the international airport in Kabul and at the massive U.S. air base at Bagram.

No one was killed in either strike, according to media reports, but another rocket strike near Bagram claimed the lives of two Afghan civilians. Three more civilians died in attacks on checkpoints near the city of Ghazni, to the south of Kabul, said provincial governor Mohammad Ali Ahmadi.

Many other smaller skirmishes were reported around the country.

The attacks came on the first day of the Taliban's self-proclaimed spring offensive, and comes as the country's presidential election process grinds for-



RAHMAT GUL/AP

Afghan security personnel surround the area after Taliban fighters stormed a government building in Jalalabad, east of Kabul, on Monday. The attack, which left two policemen and five civilians dead, was the most serious in a wave of attacks marking the start of the insurgents' annual spring offensive.

ward. The first round of voting on April 5 did not produce a winner, with more than 50 percent of the ballots cast, so a second round will take place in coming weeks.

The Taliban vowed to disrupt the election. But despite a massive number of attacks across the country on election day, a crackdown by security forces kept casualties relatively low and prevented any high-profile strikes in major cities.

Still, the rising level of violence overall has few analysts expecting the Taliban and other insurgents to do anything but continue the fight after the U.S.-led NATO coalition withdraws its combat troops by the end of this year.

"We can expect a continued rise in violence in 2014 and 2015, in part because that has been the trend, and in part because they are election years," Graeme Smith, a Kabul-based analyst for the International Crisis Group, told Stars and Stripes. "But more fundamentally there is still a lot of unfinished business in this conflict."

Between unresolved political and personal scores to settle, and lingering ethnic rivalries, there are "just a lot of reasons why people still want to fight," he said.

According to a report released Monday by the ICG, the number of insurgent attacks in Afghanistan increased 15 to 20 percent in 2013 compared with 2012.

Most NATO troops are expected to spend the rest of the year packing up and leaving, with Afghan

forces largely responsible for taking on the stubborn insurgency.

While exact casualty figures are not released by either side, ICG analysts estimated that Afghan security forces have experienced nearly as many casualties as they inflicted. In 2013 there were 8,200 Afghan troops injured or killed, while the Taliban suffered about 9,500 casualties, according to the report. With relatively more advanced evacuation and medical capabilities than the insurgents, more injured Afghan security forces were saved, Smith said.

Current President Hamid Karzai has refused to sign an agreement that could keep thousands of U.S. advisers in Afghanistan past the end of 2014. Although all the leading presidential contenders have said they would sign the deal, a new president may not be named for some time.

Over the weekend, presidential candidate Zalmay Rassoul, who was widely seen as backed by Karzai, threw his support to frontrunner Abdullah Abdullah. According to preliminary results from the April 5 election, Abdullah won 44.9 percent, followed by Ashraf Ghani, with 31.5 percent. Rassoul came in third, with 11.5 percent.

Afghan election officials are in the process of investigating hundreds of reports of fraud. They are expected to announce official results later this week.

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Airman released from hospital after crash

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — An American airman who was said to have suffered severe head trauma when his car collided with a truck Thursday near Ramstein Air Base was released from a German hospital the next day, a base spokesman said.

As of midday Monday, the 39-year-old crash victim — who was not identified — was awaiting a military health assessment to determine whether he could return to duty, Senior Airman Timothy Moore, a spokesman for Ramstein's 86th Airlift Wing, wrote in an email.

Moore said the base could not disclose the injuries the airman sustained in the crash.

A German police spokeswoman on Thursday said the airman had suffered "life-threatening" injuries, including severe head trauma when his BMW collided with a dump truck heading the opposite direction on the L356 near the air base.

Rescuers cut the roof and driver's door off the BMW to extract the airman and airlifted him to a trauma center some 50 miles away in Ludwigshafen. The truck driver was treated at the scene for minor injuries.

U.S. military and German police are conducting a joint investigation into the crash, Moore said.

Hagel: Military should review transgender ban

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said the military should continually review its policy barring transgender individuals from serving in the military.

Hagel did not indicate whether he believes the policy should be overturned. However, Hagel said every qualified American who wants to serve the country should have that opportunity if they fit the qualifications and can do the job.

A panel convened by a think tank at San Francisco State University recently estimated that about 15,450 transgender personnel serve in the military and in the National Guard and Reserves.

In 2010, Congress passed legislation allowing gays to serve openly. Hagel said the issue of transgender serving in the military is more complicated.

Hagel spoke on ABC's "This Week."

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Pentagon reauthorizes R&R for 9 countries

By CHRIS CARROLL
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Troops who deploy by the end of this month to nine Middle Eastern countries recently removed from the imminent danger pay location list will still qualify for rest and recuperation, according to a recent Pentagon decision.

Normally, servicemembers who don't qualify for imminent danger pay don't qualify for R&R leave either.

The policy was waived for troops deployed to land areas of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, according to a May 6 memo from Jessica Wright, acting undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness.

The waiver applies "only for members whose deployment to a country listed above commenced before June 1, 2014," Wright wrote.

In addition to those countries, the De-

fense Department in January removed 11 other places from a list of locations eligible for imminent danger pay, effective June 1: land areas of East Timor, Haiti, Liberia, Montenegro, Rwanda and Serbia; water areas of the Arabian Sea, Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Oman and the Red Sea; and water and airspace of the Persian Gulf.

The reclassification of those areas is expected to affect about 50,000 U.S. troops.

According to DOD policy, troops eligible for R&R leave are those deployed to areas

eligible for imminent danger pay and where dependents and regular leave programs are restricted. Servicemembers are eligible for R&R leave once per 12-month deployment, and qualify again after 18 months of deployment.

Imminent danger pay and current R&R programs remain unaffected in Afghanistan, Iraq, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Pakistan, Syria and Yemen.

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MOH: War hero shares details of time in Afghanistan and his life now

FROM FRONT PAGE

What was the situation when you regained consciousness?

As I picked my head up, an enemy round came in and hit that rock just inches from my face.

What did you do when you noticed that Spc. Kain Schilling was wounded?

After I kind of got my bearings together after the RPG, I looked over my shoulder and I could see Kain running down the trail towards like this little treestand ... It wasn't providing any cover from incoming rounds but just concealment ... His right arm was just kind of dead and he had blood coming from his upper right arm, and so I saw that and I just moved to him. I just figured that's where I needed to be. And then went down there ... and I put a tourniquet on his upper right arm ... Towards the end of the ambush, Kain had again been shot again in the leg, and I put a belt on his leg as a tourniquet.

At one point during the fire-fight, Marine Sgt. Phillip Bocks was lying out in the open severely wounded. Can you describe what you did to try to save him?

I looked back up to the trail from where we were coming from and I could see Bocks still sitting up holding his weapon, but he had been shot in the leg and then his upper left shoulder and I could see, you know, some blood coming from his mouth. So I knew he was pretty severely wounded ... So I decided to, you know, get up and go to him and try to pull him back to where we were ... As I ran out there and grabbed him I started dragging him by the carry-handle [on his body armor]. And I noticed that ... before I ran out to him there was rounds coming in around us but none of them were focused on him, but when I ran out there it seemed like, you know, all the fire was focused on us. And, you know, I kind of came to the conclusion that they weren't trying to hit Bocks [but] they were trying to shoot me. And so I knew the longer I dragged him and they focused their fire on me, the greater [the] chance [of] him getting hit again was. And so what I did was just kind of dragged him like 5-10 feet ... and then [I'd] run back to where Kain was just to try

to draw their fire and have them follow me and leave him alone. And so, you know, I'd run back to Kain's position [and] wait just a few seconds until [the Taliban] got distracted, and then repeat the movement until we got back to Kain, you know, behind the concealment of the tree canopy ... Obviously some artery had been hit. So I tried to just control the bleeding as much as I could, but he ended up dying.

And you also went out into the open to try to save 1st Lt. Matthew Ferrara, who was wounded on the trail?

The way the trail was shaped, I could just see his helmet and then his assault pack but I couldn't actually see like him laying there. And so I just wanted to go see what the issue was and go see if he's OK ... That's where a lot of fire was still coming in, so I more like, you know, high-crawled, low-crawled out there to him. And I checked his pulse and he had already died.

What made you decide to put yourself in danger and risk your life so many times?

I told myself that I was going to die. You know, there's no doubt in my mind I was not going to make it off that cliff that day. And so in my mind ... it was, you know, if I am going to die I'm going to help my battle buddies and it happens ... You also know that if the roles were reversed and it was you that was sitting out there, you know your battle buddy would come and get you.

You had another close call when you were trying to operate the radio, is that right?

I was pulling the hand mic off of [the] kit ... it just flew out of my hand and it wasn't ... you know, I didn't quite understand what that was. And I picked it up again, and there was a bullet hole clean through it. And I was just like, "Really?" ... It was kind of the, you know, just that moment where you're just like, "C'mon!"

How close was the friendly fire coming in?

Very close. And at one point ... our mortar round landed about 20 [yards] down the trail from us ... I remember just red hot chunks of metal like the size of my palm just flinging by your head.

After nightfall, were you afraid

that the Taliban were going to overrun your position?

It was something I was worried about. You know, I was the only able-bodied American at my position. And trying to cover 360 in the middle of a war zone, you get that — you get that very lonely feeling out there.

How long did it take for medevac to arrive and bring everyone out?

Once nightfall came, you know, a minute seemed like an hour, and I couldn't tell you for sure.

When did the White House inform you that you were actually going to receive the Medal of Honor?

I got the call from President Obama February 10th.

Were you allowed to tell anybody that you were going to be awarded the Medal of Honor before the White House made the official announcement?

[Officials] told me not to tell anybody. But, you know, you've got to tell your parents about that, so ... (laughs).

What did President Obama say when he called you?

I'd like to say I am remember it word for word, but I can't. You know, there's something about when you get on the phone with the most powerful man in the world, you kind of, you know, lose track of what's going on. But I remember one thing he said ... about being an investment analyst. He was like, "So, you're an investment analyst now. That has to be less exciting than being in the Army." And I was like, "Yeah, it is."

Who did you invite to the White House ceremony?

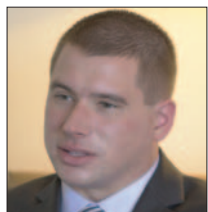
I have a lot of my family coming — pretty much all of my family. A lot of the guys I served with and the guys that were there the day [including Kain Schilling]. And then some of the Gold Star family members who lost somebody that day.

Are you excited about receiving the Medal of Honor?

There's lots of, you know, things you wouldn't get to do normally, you know, like go see the White House and meet the president. So I mean, there's a lot of exciting elements of it. But ... the cost of, you know, actually receiving the award — knowing what happened

‘I know that what I want is that no matter what I accomplish in my life, I hope just to make them proud.’

Former Army Sgt. Kyle White remembering the soldiers killed in battle on the day of his heroic actions in Aranas, Afghanistan



that day, what everybody went through, it's, you know, it kind of takes that excitement away from sure.

What is the significance of the bracelet you wear on your wrist?

Kain Schilling actually had it made for me, and he wears the same one. But it has the names of all those that were killed on 9 November 2007. And I just kind of wear it as a reminder. And it kind of motivates me as well. It's like no matter what is going on in my life, like if something is hard or especially during school, like if you're complaining about reading a chapter or something, you know, you look down and you'd be like, you know, these guys, if they were here right now they would not be complaining. And so I kind of just use it as like a motivational item for me. I know that what I want is that no matter what I accomplish in my life, I hope to just make them proud.

What has been the most difficult aspect of adjusting to civilian life?

I guess it's just finding your own mission. That's what I like to call it ... You're so used to in the military having everything structured, you know, this is your mission for today or for this hour or for this month; this is what you're doing. And ... then you go to you're doing it all on your own; nobody is telling you what to do any more. And so that's what kind of helped me do it was just making my own missions, like when [I was] going to school [I would think], hey, my mission is to get my degree, and then it's a long process [and] these are the steps I have to take to get there. And so that was just kind of what I did.

Set your own goals [and] make your own mission.

You've publicly discussed your PTSD diagnosis. When did you start noticing symptoms and what kind of symptoms were you having?

Probably right after the attack. And symptoms were mostly just ... difficulty falling asleep and maintaining sleep. And then, you know, just the kind of the flashes here and there of one minute you're doing something and you're thinking and [then] you're right back there at 9 November [in Afghanistan] ... But for the most part I kind of found what — my own coping mechanisms, you know. My biggest one and the best one that works for me is exercise. You know, no matter what I'm feeling [or] dealing with, I can go in [the gym] and just clear my head. And that really works for me.

Do you think about the Aranas battle every day, or do you go through the daily routine of your life like most people and it's not something that's always in the back of your mind?

I still think about it every day. But as years go by, it's not something I think about as often each day.

Looking forward, what are your goals for the future?

I'm going to take it day by day and see what happens. But what I want to do is I really want to kind of help educate servicemembers that are thinking about leaving the service and going back into the civilian world ... about the post-9/11 G.I. Bill and the importance of an education and really, you know, how necessary it is for certain jobs out there.

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MILITARY

Family says DNA proves man is not lost soldier

Kin of John Robertson say they think Dang Tan Ngoc is an American

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A man who claimed in a controversial documentary that he was a U.S. Special Forces soldier lost during the Vietnam War is an imposter, according to the missing soldier's family, which cited DNA test results.

In "Unclaimed," Dang Tan Ngoc alleged he was Army Sgt. 1st Class John Hartley Robertson, who went missing following a helicopter crash over Laos in 1968. The film, which premiered in the U.S. last year at the annual GI Film Festival, evoked impassioned responses from all sides of the POW/MIA issue.

Directed by Emmy Award winner Michael Jorgensen, it followed the journey of Vietnam veteran Tom Faunce as he looked into Ngoc's claims and laid out an intriguing circumstantial case that he could be Robertson, despite government denials.

At the time of the documentary, friends and members of Robertson's family were convinced he was the missing GI. But it was not to be.

"We have received the results of the [nuclear] DNA test, and sadly there was NOT a match," Robertson's niece, Cyndi Hanna, wrote on her GoFundMe webpage that raised money for the test. "This is very disappointing."

Hanna could not be reached for comment, but wrote that an Alabama-based forensics laboratory compared a recent sample from Robertson's nephew with a

blood stain collected from Ngoc. Gail Metcalf, daughter of Robertson's sole surviving sister, Jean Robertson-Holley, who was featured during an emotional reunion with Ngoc in the film, thanked Faunce and others for bringing Ngoc to their attention, something they have accused the government of neglecting to do. The family members reiterated



Robertson



Ngoc

ated that they believe the man is an American and will continue to seek his U.S. family.

"Regardless of DNA test results, my family does believe the man we've met is an American, a strong likelihood bolstered by the oxygen isotope analysis performed on his tooth," Metcalf wrote in a statement on behalf of her mother.

"As my mother has said, we only want to do right by my Uncle John, and if that means exploring the possibility that the U.S. government has made a mistake or that the man claiming to be



John Hartley Robertson, left, is shown about the time of the Vietnam War.



Courtesy of Myth Merchant Films

In this image from the film "Unclaimed," a man living in Vietnam named Dang Tan Ngoc walks through trees near his home. The man claims he is John Hartley Robertson, an American soldier listed as killed in action.

my uncle is actually another lost American and doesn't know who he is, we intend to seek the truth on our own terms."

She said the family would not speak publicly again.

During filming for "Unclaimed," Ngoc had a tooth removed and provided it to Faunce and the filmmaking team. The tooth was analyzed by Lesley Chesson, senior scientist at Salt Lake City's IsoForScience Inc., which stated it is "very likely" that Ngoc grew up in America.

Tooth enamel stores a chemical record of childhood living en-

vironment, such as local climate and geology. This can be analyzed and matched against factors in different regions around the world.

However, there is a margin of error, and certain characteristics of the analysis matched other places, from the Scandinavian peninsula to the Tibetan plateau.

The film's director hopes people will not focus on the negative DNA result but rather the isotope testing.

"This summary certainly will not and cannot prove this man is John Robertson, but it does sug-

gest that the U.S. government should be taking a new, meaningful look at this man's claim that he is an American, and that's what your readers should be made aware of," Jorgensen wrote to Stars and Stripes in an email.

Jorgensen said he has reached out to the family to corroborate the test results. The filmmakers are discussing an updated prospect for the film and will be discussing the new developments with festival audiences.

Lynn O'Shea, director of research for the National Alliance of POW/MIA Families, said she hopes the DNA test puts the debate about Ngoc to rest. O'Shea has a book coming out, "Abandoned in Place," about POWs left behind in Laos and the top-secret mission to rescue them six years after the Vietnam War ended, called Operation Pocket Change. The effort was abandoned, she said.

O'Shea believes American prisoners of war were left behind at the conclusion of the Vietnam War, but she thinks fraudulent claims like Ngoc's dilute the truth.

"I think it's highly unlikely that this individual is an American," O'Shea said. "I don't know anything about isotope testing, but from what we've seen, it's highly unlikely."

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Video shows attempt to save life of soldier who died after fight

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SEOUL, South Korea — Video footage shows that someone tried to save the life of a U.S. soldier shortly before he died of a brain hemorrhage, hours after he was involved in a street fight last week, South Korean police said Monday.

Footage recorded by a street camera showed a foreigner — whom South Korean police believe is an American, though they do not know his identity — administering CPR to Spc. Carl A. Lissone outside a hotel in Pyeongtaek about 1 p.m. on May 4.

At 1:16 p.m., Lissone was taken to a Pyeongtaek hospital, where he was pronounced dead a short time later.

His death is being investigated by U.S. and South Korean authorities.

Many details of what happened on May 4 to Lissone, 20, an information technology specialist stationed at Camp Humphreys, have not been made public.

According to South Korean police accounts, Lissone and at least one friend were drinking and dancing at Club Naked in the Hongdae neighborhood early that morning when Lissone got into a fight outside the club with another soldier about 3:45 a.m. At least

four soldiers eventually became involved in the fight, and Lissone was struck in the head and lost consciousness.

Even though he was bleeding from his nose and ears, his friends transported him back to Pyeongtaek by train, police said.

According to Google maps, a train ride from Hongdae to Pyeongtaek takes a little more than 90 minutes.

Lissone and two others checked into the hotel about 7:30 a.m. on May 4.

The soldiers suspected of involvement in the incident are under the control of their unit leadership, and any decisions about possible restrictions will

be made by their commanders, 8th Army spokesman Col. Shawn Stroud said Monday.

The club where Lissone was partying before his death is in a popular entertainment area that has been placed off-limits to U.S. troops in the past.

Hongdae was placed off-limits at night to U.S. troops in 2007 after a U.S. servicemember raped a 67-year-old woman there. Pvt. Gerónimo Ramirez, of the 2nd Infantry Division, was sentenced to four years in prison for the attack.

That off-limits designation has since been lifted, and the area, with its thriving nightlife fueled by students from nearby universi-

ties, is a popular nighttime destination for U.S. servicemembers.

Hongdae earlier was placed off-limits to U.S. troops from December 2002 until May 2006 because of unspecified "force-protection concerns." The area was reopened to the military after South Korean and U.S. personnel conducted a combined threat assessment and deemed it safe.

The 1st Signal Brigade will hold a memorial ceremony for Lissone, a native of Covington, Ga., at Humphreys on Tuesday. The ceremony will be closed to the news media and the public.

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NATION

Talk of campaign by Hillary Clinton revives old issues

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For Hillary Rodham Clinton, the last few months might be comparable to a spring cleaning — an airing of her political past before she sets the course for her much speculated-about future.

As the former secretary of state and first lady mulls a presidential campaign in 2016, reminders of the tumultuous periods of her career have re-emerged in recent weeks: her husband's affair in the White House with Monica Lewinsky, her ill-fated attempt to overhaul the health care system and the deadly 2012 attack at a diplomatic post in Benghazi, Libya.

Bill Clinton said presidential campaigns always need to be about the future, but that gets complicated if Hillary Clinton runs again after losing out to Barack Obama for the Democratic nomination in 2008.

Republicans might press the argument that at a time when many Americans are unhappy with the nation's direction, she represents a bygone era marked by political sex operas.

Yet many Democrats say reminders of the 1990s — remember the booming economy? — could help Clinton, and that rehashing her past more than two years before the next presidential election could dispense with a variety of distractions.

If a Republican challenger or a Democratic primary opponent invoked Lewinsky, Whitewater, cattle futures or other retro story lines in 2016, Clinton's team could try to dismiss it all as old news.

"For the majority of people,

this is an eye roll," contended Maria Cardona, a former Hillary Clinton campaign adviser. Vanity Fair magazine published a first-person account last week from Lewinsky in which she said Bill Clinton "took advantage" of her, but that their affair was consensual.

Lewinsky cited recently released papers from a longtime Hillary Clinton friend, Diane Blair, in which the former first lady called the former White House intern a "narcissistic loony toon." Lewinsky wrote that she found Hillary Clinton's "impulse to blame the Woman — not only me, but herself, troubling."

The magazine's story arrived as the National Archives continues to release documents from the Clinton White House that have shed more light on Hillary Clinton's role leading the 1993 health care task force. That's a politically volatile issue, as both parties debate the merits of Obama's health law.

Republicans, meanwhile, have created a special House committee to investigate the Benghazi assault, and that could mean a long spotlight on Clinton's tenure as secretary of state.

"The ghosts of Clinton past are coming out to haunt her future," said Alice Stewart, an Arkansas-based Republican strategist.

Even her first political event of the year brings back memories of the Clinton White years.

She will make news Thursday for Marjorie Margulies, a Democratic candidate for Congress in Philadelphia's suburbs. Margulies served one House term in the 1990s and lost re-election after casting a decisive vote in favor of Bill Clinton's economic plan. Margulies is the mother-in-law of the Clintons' daughter, Chelsea.

Hillary Clinton is adding to the scrutiny with the publication next month of her memoir, "Hard Choices," about her time at the State Department.



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Speaker of the House John Boehner, at a press conference in Washington on Thursday, holds the TransCanada Keystone Pipeline Bill passed by the House. A dispute over the pipeline in the Senate is holding up an energy bill.

Energy bill caught up in Keystone XL dispute

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Days after President Barack Obama touted executive actions aimed at increasing energy efficiency, a bill with similar goals is expected to fall victim to partisan gridlock in the Senate.

A bipartisan bill to promote many of the same efficiency goals Obama touted Friday in California is expected to go down in defeat Monday amid a dispute over the Keystone XL oil pipeline.

Co-sponsored by Sens. Jeanne Shaheen, D-N.H., and Rob Portman, R-Ohio, the energy bill would tighten efficiency guidelines for new federal buildings and would provide tax incentives to make homes and commercial buildings more efficient.

The measure is widely popular in the Senate and easily cleared a procedural hurdle last week. But

then politics — and the dispute over the Keystone XL pipeline — intervened.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., used a parliamentary maneuver to block amendments on the bill, including a measure that would approve construction of the proposed Keystone XL pipeline from Canada to the United States. Supporters say the measure is needed to end years of delay by the Obama administration on whether to approve the project.

Republicans also were seeking an amendment to prevent the Environmental Protection Agency from imposing new greenhouse gas regulations on coal-burning power plants.

Reid's actions came after Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell objected to Reid's offer to call an up-or-down vote on the energy bill, with a promise for a

separate vote on Keystone later.

Pipeline supporters — including a number of Republicans — initially had called for a separate, up-or-down vote on Keystone as a way to move the project forward or at least to embarrass the president by making him veto a measure supported by at least 11 Democrats. Polls show widespread public support for the project, which Obama has delayed several times. Obama delayed the project indefinitely last month, citing uncertainty over the pipeline's route through Nebraska.

Republicans later shifted gears and pushed to include the pipeline vote in the energy bill — a move that angered some pipeline supporters, including Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La. Landrieu, who chairs the Senate Energy Committee, has pushed for Keystone approval as a key part of her closely contested re-election campaign.

Jobless contend with weight gain as they search for work

By MICHAEL S. ROSENWALD

The Washington Post

HAGERSTOWN, Md. — With its blue-collar jobs vaporizing by the day, this once-proud city of airplane builders, pipe organ laborers and ice cream makers has been wrestling unsuccessfully with stubborn and still-high unemployment.

Now it's confronting one of the side effects: Soaring obesity.

A subject long ignored by policymakers, and one that unemployment counselors are too sheepish to raise with job seekers, the link between bulging waistlines and joblessness is now of intense interest to researchers studying the long-term effects of the country's economic malaise.

Recent studies and surveys have shown a distinct relationship between unemployment and obesity, particularly for lower-skilled workers who struggle to find work — a search made even more challenging by their weight.

In Hagerstown, where blue-collar jobs have gone overseas or to cheaper parts of the country, 8.4 percent are unemployed — well above Maryland's 5.9 percent rate. Last month, Gallup identified the area as the third-heaviest place in the United States, with almost 37 percent of its residents obese. Local studies put the number even higher.

Sitting outside a local job resource center and looking at his belly, Eric Steiner was a noticeable example of what public health researchers are worried about. His layoff from a dump truck driving job five years ago coincided with his gaining more than 50 pounds.

"You don't even feel like going outside to take a walk around the block," said Steiner, who hasn't worked a full week in more than a year. "You eat more junk food. You're so depressed you just want to put a gun to your head."

Around the country, high unemployment and high obesity rates are converging. In Texas, the McAllen area suffers from a 38 percent obesity rate and about 10 percent unemployment. In Washington state, Yakima struggles with an almost 36 per-

cent obesity rate and more than 10 percent unemployment. In Toledo: 34 percent obesity, nearly 7 percent unemployment.

Conversely, some of the areas of lowest unemployment have the lowest rates of obesity.

Gallup said the Washington, D.C., region, with a 22 percent obesity rate, is one of the country's healthiest areas. It also boasts a 5 percent unemployment rate, well below the national average.

"A high unemployment rate is a proxy for many economic and socioeconomic determinants of health," said Harry Zhang, an Old Dominion University health economist who recently published a study on obesity and unemployment. "For people living in areas

with high unemployment, everything is messed up. You have poverty. High crime. Low education levels. And people rely on food to comfort themselves, to make them feel better."

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NATION

Wet spring snows hit Rockies, Nebraska

The Associated Press

DENVER — Much of Interstate 80 in southern Wyoming was closed Monday after a spring storm brought up to 3 feet of snow to the Rockies and severe thunderstorms and tornadoes to the Midwest.

A flash flood watch was in effect for portions of Oklahoma and Arkansas, where more than 4 inches of rain was possible.

Meanwhile, residents in eastern Nebraska were cleaning up from Sunday's thunderstorms and twisters, which ripped roofs off homes and toppled buildings but caused no major injuries. People in the western Panhandle woke up to a blanket of heavy, wet snow.

In Wyoming, a 180-mile stretch of I-80 was closed between the Nebraska state line and Rawlins. Another 200 miles of eastbound I-80 between the Utah state line and Rawlins also was closed because of snow. Truck stops in southeastern Wyoming were full

of stranded truckers.

In Colorado, the snow that began falling on Mother's Day caused some power outages as it weighed down newly greening trees.

Among those affected by the outages was Denver International Airport, where some escalators and elevators temporarily stalled Monday morning. Airport spokeswoman Julie Smith said a backup generator spared the airport any major problems. At least 27 arriving and departing flights were canceled due to the weather, but Smith said there were no major delays. Crews were working overnight to de-ice runways.

The lingering snow slowed Monday morning's commute in the Denver area, but driving conditions were worse in the mountains. The weather appears to be to blame for at least one fatal crash Sunday on U.S. Highway 285 southwest of Denver.

In Nebraska, officials said the worst for accidents in the storm.



MARK REIS, THE (COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.) GAZETTE/AP

Cassandra Cantu shields her 7-week-old puppy, Kamala, from the snow as she walks with friends Sunday in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Two law enforcement cruisers also were hit along the road in less than an hour while responding to other crashes.

In Nebraska, officials said the storms damaged homes and busi-

nesses in or near Sutton, Garland, Cordova and Daykin, knocking out power. Parts of Illinois, Indiana and Iowa were hit by strong thunderstorms and hail, which also caused some power outages.

"May snow certainly isn't unheard of here in Colorado, even down in the Denver metro area," said David Baryenbruch, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Boulder. "If we see the total accumulations that we are anticipating from this storm, we are certainly going to see a top 10 May snow event for the Denver metro area."

In the West, high winds at the bottom of the storm sent dust blowing across Arizona and New Mexico, and the Los Angeles area had been under "red flag" fire warnings, with authorities saying blazes could quickly spread out of control under low humidity, gusty winds and dry conditions.

The storm is the result of a low-pressure system moving east colliding with a cold air mass from the north.

While temperatures were expected to drop below freezing Monday night, springlike weather was expected to return to the Rockies by Tuesday.



CHRIS RAY, TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY/AP

Texas wildfire destroys 75 homes

A wildfire burns Sunday near Fritch, Texas. Emergency officials said about 75 homes have been destroyed and hundreds of people have evacuated the area after the wildfire burned up to 2 square miles in the Texas Panhandle. The Texas Department of Public Safety said in an email late Sunday that no one had been hurt in the fire near Fritch, some 30 miles northeast of Amarillo. Fritch Police Chief Monte Leggett said 75 percent of the fire had been contained as of Monday morning.

Study: Days with poor air will soar unless emissions are slashed

By TONY BARBOZA
Los Angeles Times

Smog could worsen across the United States in the coming decades as climate change boosts summer temperatures and makes ozone levels more difficult to control, a new study says.

Americans can expect the number of days with unhealthy air to rise 70 percent by midcentury unless emissions of smog-forming pollutants are slashed, according to a study led by the federally funded National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo.

Higher temperatures accelerate the formation of lung-searing ozone, the main ingredient of smog, and could set back decades of improvements in air quality, the study says. "It will hinder our progress," said Gabriele Pfister, a scientist at the center and lead author of the study published last week.

Regulators could keep the warming climate from degrading air quality if they adopt stringent emissions controls, the research showed.

To reach their conclusions, scientists used a supercomputer to simulate pollution levels across the nation as the planet warms.

They found a widespread increase in the number of days above federal standards for ozone by 2050 if emissions of smog-forming pollutants remain at their current levels. In that scenario, almost the entire continental U.S. would have at least a few days of unhealthy air every year, and the most heavily polluted metropoli-

tan areas would see ozone levels exceed health standards for most of the summer, the research showed.

Cutting smog-forming emissions by 60 percent to 70 percent would achieve big reductions in ozone pollution even as the climate warms, the analysis found, with the number of days above federal health standards falling below 1 percent of current levels. "If we can really cut back on our local emissions, then we can clean up our air," Pfister said.

The link between higher temperatures and ozone was already known, but Pfister said it was the first fine-grain analysis of how the warming climate could affect air quality in all regions of the country.

Ozone is a harmful gas that forms when pollutants from vehicles, power plants and factories react in sunlight. Heat speeds up those reactions, so it will be harder to keep ozone levels in check as temperatures rise from the buildup of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

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NATION



Washington Monument visitor Roman Tanner displays his ticket prior to a ceremony to celebrate the reopening of the iconic stone obelisk in Washington on Monday.

Washington Monument reopens nearly 3 years after earthquake

By BRETT ZONGKER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — More than 150 cracks have been repaired, rainwater leaks have been sealed, and the 130-year-old Washington Monument reopened Monday for the first time in nearly three years since an earthquake caused widespread damage.

The memorial honoring George Washington has been closed for about 33 months for engineers to conduct an extensive analysis and restoration of the 555-foot stone obelisk that was once the tallest structure in the world.

The monument's white marble and mortar were cracked and shaken loose during an unusual magnitude-5.8 earthquake in August 2011 that sent some of the worst vibrations to the top. Debris fell inside and outside the monument, and visitors scrambled to evacuate. Later, engineers evaluated the damage by rappelling from the top, dangling from ropes.

New exhibits have been installed, and visitors can once again ride an elevator to look out from the highest point in the nation's capital. The full restoration cost \$15 million. Businessman and philanthropist David Rubenstein contributed \$7.5 million to pay half the cost and expedite the repairs.

Rubenstein told The Associated Press on Sunday that he was surprised how much the monument means to people who have written him letters and emails. He said he's pleased the job was done on time and on budget.

"It became clear to me that the Washington Monument symbolizes many things for our country — the freedoms, patriotism, George Washington,

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Number of months the Washington Monument was closed for repairs after being damaged by a magnitude-5.8 earthquake in August 2011.

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Cost in dollars to restore the 555-foot stone obelisk. Businessman and philanthropist David Rubenstein kicked in \$7.5 million to help defray the cost and expedite the repairs.

saved from the steps of old Baltimore row houses.

The monument was built in two phases between 1848 and 1884. When it was completed, it was the world's tallest structure for five years until it was eclipsed by the Eiffel Tower in Paris. The monument remains the world's tallest freestanding stone structure.

It normally draws about 700,000 visitors a year.

leadership," he said. "So it's been moving to see how many people are affected by it."

The billionaire co-CEO of The Carlyle Group has been urging other philanthropists to engage in what he calls "patriotic philanthropy." In time, he predicts more philanthropists will make similar gifts.

During the monument's restoration, The Associated Press had a look at some of the worst damage from the 500-foot level. Stones were chipped and cracked all the way through with deep gashes in some places. Others had hairline cracks that had to be sealed.

Some damaged marble was replaced with salvaged material or stone from the same Maryland quarry as the monument's original marble. The replacement stone had been saved from the steps of old Baltimore row houses.

Police negotiators add texting to their toolkits

By CAROLYN THOMPSON
The Associated Press

The suspect in a gas station robbery and 100 mph chase kept pointing his handgun to his head, and police negotiator Andres Wells was doing all he could to keep the man from committing suicide. But he kept cutting Wells' phone calls short.

Then, about 10 minutes after the last hang up, Wells' cellphone chimed. It was a text — from the suspect.

"Please call Amie," the message said, followed by the number of the man's girlfriend.

Wells was taken aback. In three years as a negotiator with the Kalamazoo, Mich., police, he'd always relied on spoken give-and-take, taking cues from a person's tone of voice, the inflections, emotions. He'd never thought about negotiating via text.

"It had never even been brought up at ... our training," Wells recalled of the 2011 case.

With 6 billion text messages exchanged daily in the U.S. alone, law enforcement officers are increasingly being called upon to defuse violent, unpredictable situations through the typed word. Experts say it's happened enough in the past five years to warrant new, specialized training.

In Wells' case, he had to adapt on the fly. "What do you want me to tell her?" he texted back.

"The truth," suspect Jesse Cook wrote.

While Wells ordinarily would rely on a skill called "active listening," he couldn't hear Cook's



MARK BUGNASKA/AP

Sgt. Andres Wells, of the Kalamazoo (Mich.) Department of Public Safety, successfully used texting to negotiate with a suicidal robbery suspect during a 2011 standoff.

voice. Cook couldn't hear his. Was he yelling? Crying?

Wells used Cook's text about his girlfriend as a way to show empathy and build trust. He texted that he understood the unemployed veteran was trying to provide for his girlfriend and daughter when he robbed the gas station.

Ultimately, Wells got Cook talking by phone again, and he surrendered 15 minutes later.

"It's not the preferred method of communication in a crisis, but if it's the only way that we have, we'll engage," said New York State Police spokeswoman Darcy Wells.

Final victim found after hot-air balloon crash in Va.

Los Angeles Times

The third and final victim of a fatal hot-air balloon crash in a rural, heavily wooded area of Virginia has been found, officials announced.

The remains of the balloon's last missing passenger were discovered near the Caroline Pines subdivision in Caroline County on Sunday morning, bringing a rescue effort that involved more than 100 searchers to a somber end.

The crash victims were Natalie Lewis, 24, the director of operations for the University of Richmond women's basketball team;

Ginny Doyle, 44, the team's associate head coach; and retired Army Lt. Col. Daniel Kirk, 65, who was piloting the balloon.

The three were riding one of the 13 balloons that took off from a balloon festival Friday evening. The trouble began when their balloon hit a live utility line near their landing spot, officials said.

The balloon immediately caught fire, and the two passengers fell or jumped out of the balloon's basket while Kirk tried to control the situation until the basket separated from the balloon, officials said, citing witness accounts.

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EU adds 13 to list for sanction over Ukraine

By RAF CASERT
The Associated Press

BRUSSELS — European Union foreign ministers have added 13 people to its visa ban and asset freeze list over Ukraine but are not expected to take tougher measures before the May 25 elections in the east European nation, officials said Monday.

Beyond the 13 people, two enterprises were also added to the list by the 28 EU ministers, according to two officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because the measure had yet to be officially announced.

The EU previously had ordered visa bans and asset freezes for 48 people, but it is the first time it includes businesses on the list. The decision follows a preliminary approval by EU officials last week to allow sanctions against companies, as the Obama administration has done in a separate

U.S. sanctions list that targets several close associates of Russian President Vladimir Putin and their assets.

After Monday's addition, a total of 61 people are included on the EU list.

Beyond the visa and asset measures, British Foreign Secretary William Hague said that it is essential to show Moscow the bloc is ready to step up measures further "depending on Russia's attitude toward the elections" in Ukraine.

He joined other ministers at the foreign ministers meeting in Brussels in dismissing Sunday's referendums in parts of eastern Ukraine as shams of democracy, saying "they are illegal by anybody's standards."

Dutch foreign minister Frans Timmermans said there was room to add more people to that list before considering tougher action.

Diplomats begin push this week for Iran nuclear pact

By JONATHAN TIRONE
AND KAMRIZ FOROHAAR
Bloomberg News

VIENNA — Diplomats will start drafting a final accord this week to resolve a decade-long standoff with Iran that would rescind oil and banking sanctions in return for limits on the Islamic Republic's nuclear program.

The five days of scheduled talks in Vienna will be the longest round of haggling since November, when diplomats agreed to a temporary accord. U.S., Russian and Iranian officials have said drafting should begin this week to meet a July 20 target.

"The parties to the negotiation are somehow condemned to succeed," Francois Nicotlaud, a policy analyst and France's former ambassador to Iran, said in an interview. "On the Western side, there is no real Plan B."

A string of deals, including the Austrian and Swedish foreign ministers, and international companies have headed to Iran during the past few months. Six hundred energy companies attended a Tehran investment conference last week. Russia and Iran are negotiating multiple technology and energy trade agreements.

"Everyone understands that failure can have great conse-

quences," said Ariane Tabatabai, a nuclear security researcher at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. "The Iranian leadership wants a deal and so does the White House."

While President Barack Obama has given the talks only a 50 percent chance of success, negotiators led by European Union foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton and Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif have raised hopes by showing willingness to compromise.

Iran agreed to modify a reactor in Arak to lower its plutonium output, which could be used in nuclear weapons, and has offered greater access for International Atomic Energy Agency inspectors. The U.S. has stepped back from demands that Iran cease all uranium-enrichment activities.

"Three years ago, conventional wisdom argued that a military strike on Iran's nuclear facilities was imminent and today the conventional wisdom increasingly argues that a comprehensive nuclear deal is imminent," said Karim Sadjadpour, a senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for Peace. "But we may continue to see something in the next two years — neither comprehensive peace nor a hot war, but a very gradual de-escalation."



EVGENIY MALOLETKA/AP

Alexander Malyhin, chief of the commission that organized a referendum on Ukraine, displays a document to journalists Monday in Luhansk, eastern Ukraine. The pro-Russia insurgents who organized Sunday's vote claimed most of those who cast ballots Sunday voted for sovereignty.

Insurgents in Ukraine's east declare independence

By PETER LEONARD
AND VLADIMIR ISACHENKO
The Associated Press

DONETSK, Ukraine — Pro-Russia insurgents in Ukraine's Donetsk region declared independence Monday and asked to join Russia — a day after holding a hastily arranged vote on separatism that Ukraine's interim government and the West have declared a sham.

Organizers said about 90 percent of those who cast ballots Sunday in Donetsk and the neighboring Luhansk region backed sovereignty for the sprawling areas that lie along Russia's border and form Ukraine's industrial heartland.

There was no immediate response from the Kremlin to Monday's statement issued by one of the insurgent leaders, Denis Pushilin. The Kremlin suggested earlier it had no intention of immediately annexing the two regions.

Ukraine's central government and the West strongly criticized Sunday's unofficial ballot in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions — which together have 6.5 million people — as a violation of international law.

They accuse Moscow of fomenting weeks of unrest in eastern Ukraine in a possible attempt



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Pro-Russia people applaud insurgent leader Denis Pushilin after his speech Monday in front of a regional administration building in Donetsk, eastern Ukraine.

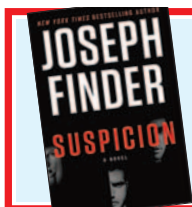
to grab more land after annexing Crimea in March — accusations that Russia has denied.

"The farce, which terrorists call the referendum, will have no legal consequences except the criminal responsibility for its organizers," Ukraine's acting president, Oleksandr Turchynov, said in a statement.

In Moscow, Russian President Vladimir Putin's office urged the Ukrainian government to engage in talks with representatives of eastern Ukraine that could be brokered by the Organization

for Security and Cooperation in Europe. The cautious stance — which contrasted with Russia's quick annexation of Crimea after a separatist vote there — appears to reflect Putin's hope of negotiating a solution to what has become the worst crisis between Russia and the West since the Cold War.

"The practical implementation of the referendum results should proceed in a civilized way without any throwbacks to violence through a dialogue between representatives of Kiev, Donetsk and Luhansk," the statement said.



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WORLD

Video shows captive schoolgirls in hijabs

By MICHELLE FAUL
The Associated Press

LAGOS, Nigeria—A new video from Nigeria's Boko Haram purports to show schoolgirls, covered in hijabs and reciting prayers in Arabic, who are being held captive by the Islamic extremists.

The girls are seated on the ground, barefoot, the first video evidence of them since more than 300 were kidnapped from a northeastern school in the pre-dawn hours of April 15 — four weeks ago.

Some appear fearful, others desolate, as two are called to the front and questioned by an unseen man.

"Why have you become a Muslim?" the man asks one.

"The reason why I became a Muslim is because the path we are on is not the right path," the girl says, nervously turning her body from side to side, her eyes darting off to the side. "We should enter the right path so that Allah will be happy with us."



A photo taken from video by Nigeria's Boko Haram terrorist network Monday shows the alleged missing girls abducted from Chibok.

She looks to be in her early teens. She says her real name has been changed to Halima since she converted from Christianity to Islam. Like the other girls, she is wearing a hijab, a piece of cloth that covers the whole body and the back of head but not the face.

A second girl, who looks in her mid-teens, was asked if the girls had been ill-treated in any way. She denied it, saying they experienced no harassment "except

righteousness."

Families have said most of the girls abducted are Christians.

In Chibok, the town from which they were stolen, parents were turning on a generator, hoping they can watch the video and identify their daughters, said one of the town's civil leaders, Pogu Bitrus.

"There's an atmosphere of hope, whether these girls are alive, whether they have been

forced to convert to Islam or not," he told The Associated Press by telephone. "We want to be able to say 'These are our girls.'"

The video shows about 100 of the girls, indicating they may have been broken up into smaller groups as some reports have indicated, Bitrus said.

Fifty-three escaped by themselves and 276 are missing, police say.

Bitrus said he already had looked at the video and that the surroundings appear very like the Sambisa Forest, some 19 miles from Chibok, into which the girls first were carried.

In a video last week, Boko Haram leader Abubakar Shekau threatened to sell the girls into slavery. It arrived amid un-

verified reports that Christians among the students have been forced to convert to Islam, that some have been forced to marry their abductors and that some may have been taken to neighboring Cameroon and Chad. Boko Haram means "Western education is sinful."

The video received Monday by The Associated Press came through channels that have provided previous messages from Shekau, who speaks in the video in the Hausa language of northern Nigeria. He is shown in military fatigues cradling an assault rifle on the video that is imprinted with the Boko Haram insignia of a Quran resting on two crossed assault rifles and below the black Jihad flag.

Challenge: While some calling for stronger response, others fear backlash against West

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to stop it now," said Elizabeth Donnelly, an expert on Nigeria at the London-based Chatham House think tank. "But the violence has been going on for several years. It's not going to be a quick fix, unfortunately. The effort to find these girls is important and good, but handling Boko Haram is something different."

John Campbell, a former U.S. ambassador to Nigeria and regional expert at the New York-based Council on Foreign Relations, said the U.S. should resist pressure to do more than the type of assistance already offered: intelligence analysis and hostage negotiation strategies.

"I'm picking up on Capitol Hill that there is indeed a desire for a more muscular response, but just how much public support do you think there is for long-term involvement in yet another predominantly Muslim area?" Campbell said. "Sure, help rescue the girls, but beyond that, support and interests dissolve."

Boko Haram, founded more than a decade ago, seeks to establish a fundamentalist Islamic state ruled by sharia law. The intensity of its attacks has increased significantly since 2011, when large quantities of Libyan government weapons became available across the region as a result of the collapse of Moammar Gadhafi's regime.

Last week, the White House announced it was dispatching a small team of U.S. advisers which includes about 10 military personnel to Nigeria to provide assistance aimed at pinpointing the girls' whereabouts. The move came after an outcry within Ni-

geria over its own government's failures to find the girls and their captors.

The U.S. move prompted calls for a stronger response, with some lawmakers urging the U.S. military to get more deeply involved in the efforts against Boko Haram by stepping up support for the Nigerian security services.

"It is clear that a piecemeal approach to Boko Haram, with limited U.S. military involvement, has been ineffective to date," Rep. Ed Royce, R-Calif., the chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, stated in a letter last week to Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel and Secretary of State John Kerry.

"A more aggressive U.S. commitment against al-Qaeda-affiliated Boko Haram is overdue," Royce said.

Experts argue that a closer alliance with the Nigerian military would mean aligning with a force notorious for brutalizing the Muslim population in northern Nigeria, the very place the girls were abducted. While Boko Haram — which stands for "western education is evil" — is loathed by the population for its brutality, so is the Nigerian army, according to experts.

Also, greater U.S. involvement in countering Boko Haram on the ground could have unintended consequences, Donnelly said. "If you do that, you want to do internationalize this group."

Although U.S. military officials have raised concerns about Boko Haram collaborating with other al-Qaida-affiliated terrorist groups, the group has proven to be a locally oriented extremist group rather than a jihadist movement operating far beyond

its borders, Campbell said.

Much of the tension in Nigeria is rooted in political conflict between the impoverished Muslim north and oil-rich Christian south.

While there is speculation that Boko Haram's abduction of the girls has alienated it from other insurgent groups, putting a western face on intervention efforts could boost Boko Haram's standing in jihadist circles.

"Plenty of northern Nigerians think western education is evil, but they aren't violent about it," Campbell said. "If you have a visible western presence, you set up a magnet for Islamic radicals all over the place. In effect you internationalize it."

For now, U.S. assistance in the search for the missing girls appears limited to advisory efforts at the U.S. Embassy in Abuja.

The long-term solutions to the challenges in Nigeria center on solving the political disputes between south and north, where there is a long history of grievances, analysts say. Rule of law and encouraging the reform of Nigerian security services also are key.

If the United States can help the Nigerian government reign in the excesses of its soldiers, citizens might be more willing to share vital information with investigators and troops, according to Bronwyn Bruton, deputy director of the Africa Center at The Atlantic Center.

"But that is an effort that will take months or years, not days, to bear fruit," Bruton wrote in a recent essay on the challenges of dealing with Boko Haram.

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Man reports beating after grenade attack

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Bosnian police say a man threw a hand grenade into a nightclub, wounding 26 people, six seriously, then called the police to complain that the bouncers had beaten him up afterward.

Police said Monday that an hour after the attack early Sunday in Velika Kladusa, western Bosnia, they arrested the 30-year-old suspect after they responded to his call from a nearby restaurant where they found him with visible injuries.

Witnesses told Bosnian TV that the man was removed from the nightclub because he was going from table to table insulting guests. He returned later and threw the grenade over the heads of the bouncers who tried to prevent him from getting in.

Philippines charges 9 Chinese fishermen

MANILA, Philippines — The Philippines charged nine Chinese fishermen Monday with poaching 500 endangered sea turtles at a disputed South China Sea shoal despite China's demand for them to be immediately freed.

Prosecutor Allen Ross Rodriguez said two other arrested Chinese were minors and would be sent home. The nine Chinese have been charged with violating two provisions of the Philippine fisheries code, including illegally harvesting 555 endangered turtles, before a special environmental court in western Palawan province.

Police arrested the fishermen and seized the boat that was allegedly laden with the giant turtles last week at the disputed Half Moon Shoal.

Turkey ordered to pay millions to Cyprus

PARIS — Europe's top human rights court on Monday ordered Turkey to pay \$123 million to Cyprus over the 1974 invasion of the island and its subsequent division, in one of the largest judgments in its history.

The decision from the European Court of Human Rights said the passage of time did not erase responsibility in the case, ruling that Turkey must pay damages to relatives of the missing in the operations and for the "enclaved Greek-Cypriot residents of the Karpas peninsula."

Stampede at stadium kills 20 in Congo

KINSHASA, Congo — A stampede at a soccer stadium in Congo's capital on Sunday killed at least 15 people and injured more than a dozen, government officials said.

The stampede at the Tata Raphaël Stadium in Kinshasa happened toward the end of a match between two popular Congolese teams, according to a statement from the Interior Ministry read on national television late Sunday.

At least 21 people were injured during the melee, said Gov. Andre Kimbuba, who has set up a commission to investigate the incident.

From The Associated Press

Militants kill 20 at Iraq barracks

By SINAN SALAHEDDIN
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Militants in Iraq launched an audacious attack on a military barracks in a remote area in the country's north and killed 20 troops overnight, including some who had been bound and shot at close range, authorities said Sunday as other attacks killed 18.

The killings at the military barracks in the village of Ayn al-Jahish outside Mosul mirrored two previous assaults earlier this year in the area targeting security forces. It also represents the latest blow to the government's efforts to achieve stability in restive Sunni-dominated areas.

Gunmen staged the assault late Saturday night, two police officials said, shooting some at short range while others died fighting the insurgents when they stormed the barracks. A medical official, who confirmed the casualty number, said 11 troops had their hands tied behind their backs and suffered close-range gunshot to the head.

The slain troops were in charge of protecting an oil pipeline that sends Iraqi crude oil to international markets and guarding a nearby highway. Attacks on



KARIN KADIM/AP

A woman walks past a car damaged in a car bomb attack in Baghdad on Saturday. Militants later killed 20 troops at a military barracks in the north.

the pipeline are common in that area near Mosul, about 225 miles northwest of Baghdad.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the barracks attack. However, it mirrored a February attack in the area claimed by the al-Qaida-breakaway group Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant. In that one, fighters from the group killed 15 soldiers at the barracks, beheading some of them.

In April, militants killed at least 10 soldiers at a base outside of Mosul.

Recent attacks come amid a surge in violence to levels unseen in Iraq since 2008. Last year, Iraq saw its highest annual death toll since 2007, with 8,868 people killed, according to United Nations figures.

The insurgents also have been emboldened by the civil war in

Syria, where rebels are fighting to oust President Bashar Assad, a follower of a Shiite offshoot sect. The rebels are dominated by Islamists and members of al-Qaida-linked or -inspired groups, including the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. Shiite militiamen from Iraq fight on the side of Assad's forces.

Other attacks continued Monday.

Bombings and shootings killed seven people in areas south of the Iraqi capital, authorities said.

Police officials say gunmen sprayed an army checkpoint with bullets in Latifiyah town, about 20 miles south of Baghdad, killing two soldiers and wounding five others.

A mortar attack also killed one person and wounded seven others in Yousfiyah town, just south of Baghdad.

Also, two police officers were killed while trying to defuse a bomb in Jurf al-Sakhar, about 30 miles south of Baghdad.

Police said gunmen in a speeding car opened fire randomly on pedestrians in Madain town just southeast of Baghdad, killing two people.

Medical official confirmed the casualties. All spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to release information.

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WORLD



A portrait of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un is displayed during an anti-North Korea rally in Seoul, South Korea, on Dec. 17. South Korea is continuing an escalating rhetorical battle on the Korean Peninsula, with an official saying rival North Korea "must disappear soon."

Amid tensions, South Korean says North 'must disappear'

By HYUNG-JIN KIM
The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — A rhetorical battle between the rival Koreas intensified Monday with a South Korean official saying North Korea "must disappear soon."

The comments, which will likely draw a furious response from Pyongyang, followed a series of sexist and racist slurs by North Korea against the leaders of South Korea and the United States. Pyongyang's state media likened South Korean President Park Geun-hye to an "old prostitute" and President Barack Obama to a "monkey" in recent dispatches.

South Korean Defense Ministry spokesman Kim Min-seok told reporters at a briefing in Seoul that North Korea isn't a real country and exists for the benefit of only one person, a reference to dictator Kim Jong Un. He said the North has no human rights or public freedoms. "South Korea has been highly critical of North Korea's nuclear and missile programs, including recent rocket and missile tests and apparent preparations for a fourth nuclear test. But the comments from Seoul on Monday are stronger than normal. South Korea tries to avoid publicly talking about anything that could be interpreted as a collapse of the North Korean government be-



President Barack Obama and South Korean President Park Geun-hye take part in a joint news conference in Seoul on April 25. North Korean state media have recently made slurs against the two leaders.

cause of worries that Pyongyang would raise tensions.

Pyongyang has been ramping up its rhetoric against Seoul and Washington since Obama and Park met in Seoul last month. During that visit, Obama said that it may be time to consider further sanctions against North Korea and that the U.S. will not hesitate to use its military might to defend its allies.

South Korea has called the North's verbal insults against Park immoral and unacceptable. The U.S. State Department described the North's racist slurs

against Obama as "disgusting."

Worries about renewed tension on the Korean Peninsula have recently deepened with Pyongyang threatening to conduct its fourth nuclear test to protest what it calls U.S. and South Korean hostility.

North Korea's barrage of rocket and missile tests earlier this year drew condemnation from South Korea, the United States and others. The North says the tests were part of military training aimed at coping with annual Seoul-Washington springtime military drills that Pyongyang calls an invasion rehearsal.

Vietnam, China trade blows in disputed waters

The Associated Press

HANOI, Vietnam — A Vietnamese patrol boat and several Chinese vessels blasted each other with water cannons Monday near an oil rig recently positioned by Beijing in disputed waters, Vietnamese state media reported, in the latest incident in a dangerous standoff between the two nations.

The Tuoi Tre newspaper said it was the first time that Vietnamese vessels have responded to aggressive Chinese actions close to the deep sea rig, which was positioned May 1 in an area of the South China Sea claimed by Beijing and Hanoi. Both sides have accused the other of ramming ships. Vietnam has presented a video showing Chinese ships hitting its vessels.

The newspaper, which had two journalists on the ship, said the Vietnamese vessel displayed a banner in Chinese urging Beijing to withdraw the rig.

Late Sunday, another newspaper quoted the coast guard chief as saying China had widened an exclusion zone around the rig to a radius of 10 miles and had deployed fighter jets to fly low over Vietnamese ships.

Vietnam has reacted with fury to the Chinese deployment, part of a campaign by Beijing to slowly cement its extensive sovereignty claims in the South China Sea, disregarding the anger of small-

er Southeast Asian nations such as Vietnam and the Philippines which have rival claims.

Vietnam has demanded that China pull back the rig. China has refused, saying the waters are its "inherent territory."

On Sunday, thousands of Vietnamese protesters took to the streets in Hanoi chanting anti-China slogans. For the first time, the protests were covered by Vietnamese state media, indicating that the authoritarian government supported them.

Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung said China had taken an "extremely dangerous action that has been directly endangering peace, stability, security and marine safety." He was speaking Sunday at a meeting of Southeast Asian leaders in Myanmar that failed to come up with a statement criticizing China.

"Vietnam won't be successful in putting pressure on China," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said Monday, adding that China hopes Vietnam will be "dispassionate and stop impeding China's operations."

The standoff close to the disputed Paracel Islands, which China seized from U.S.-backed South Vietnam in 1974, has led to fears of a fully blown naval confrontation between the two nations, which have fought one land and two sea battles over the last 40 years.

Mobile satellite firm offers free plane-tracking service

The Associated Press

LONDON — Inmarsat PLC, a provider of global mobile satellite communications services, said it will offer free basic tracking services for planes flying over oceans in the hope of preventing another incident such as the loss of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370.

The British company said Monday that the service is being offered to all 11,000 commercial passenger aircraft already equipped with an Inmarsat satellite connection — most of the world's long-haul commercial fleet.

"This offer responsibly, quickly and at little or no cost to the industry, addresses in part the problem brought to light by the recent tragic events around MH370," Inmarsat CEO Rupert Pearce said.

The Boeing 777 with 239 people onboard was en route to Beijing

from Kuala Lumpur on March 8 when it disappeared. The plane automatically sent signals to a satellite belonging to Inmarsat after the plane's transponder and its communication systems had shut down — but researchers were unable to find the plane before the batteries in the black box flight recorder shut down.

Inmarsat, which made its offer ahead of a conference in Canada on aircraft tracking, said it anticipated the adoption of further safety measures following the loss of MH370.

The company said it would also offer both an enhanced position reporting facility and a "black box in the cloud" service that would stream historic and real-time flight data recorder and cockpit voice recorder information when a plane deviates from its course. Those would not be free.

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OPINION

In parts of Europe, far right rises again

By SONNI EFRON

As Europe marks the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of World War I, the war that destroyed Old Europe, far-right parties are gaining ground across New Europe.

Most of the far-right parties are pro-Russia, opposing U.S. and European Union efforts to isolate President Vladimir Putin for his intervention in Ukraine. They are expected to do well in the May 25 European Parliament elections.

Last month, I traveled to Hungary and Greece, where the neo-fascist movements are strongest. In Hungary, the extreme-right Jobbik party won 1 in 5 votes in last month's parliamentary election.

In Greece, even as the neo-Nazi Golden Dawn party is being prosecuted by the government as a criminal organization, it remains the fourth-largest political party in the country. Golden Dawn lawmaker Ilias Kasidiaris, who sports a swastika tattoo and once read from "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion" on the floor of Parliament, is running for mayor of Athens.

Both parties deny being inherently anti-Semitic or anti-Roma, but their symbols and rhetoric suggest otherwise. Party leaders are unapologetically hostile to LGBT rights, and Golden Dawn is vehemently anti-immigrant.

And in both Greece and Hungary, many voters appear to be either overlooking the neo-fascist message or embracing it.

Despite international condemnation of Jobbik's anti-Semitic, anti-Roma vitriol, support for the party rose from 18 percent in the 2010 elections to 21 percent last month. Among those re-elected to office was a Jobbik member of Parliament who demanded that the government draw up a list of Jews in official positions because they posed a "national security risk."

Another winning candidate claimed that "the Gypsy people are a biological weapon" of the Israelis who have "occupied" Hungary. These are not idle words in a country where Roma have been terrorized or killed in organized attacks.

The Hungarian media have reported that Jobbik is toning down its rhetoric to appeal to a wider range of voters. But covert anti-Semitic messages still hide in plain sight.

One Jobbik advertisement shows a wholesome family eating at a dinner table in front of a bookshelf filled with works by notoriously anti-Semitic writers. I heard Jobbik candidates on the stump in a working-class neighborhood of Budapest complaining about "international bankers" and griping about how telling "a Jewish joke" was the worst crime a Hungarian politician could commit nowadays.

Meanwhile, Hungary's authoritarian prime minister Viktor Orbán, has deepened ties with Moscow, signing a \$13 billion deal for Russia to build and finance a nuclear power plant in eastern Hungary. And he has outaged the Jewish community, including Holocaust survivors, by pushing ahead with a World War II memorial that minimizes the role of Hungarians in the Holocaust and places all the blame on the German invaders.

In Greece, the government is locked in a remarkably belated battle with Golden Dawn. In 2010, the party was on the margins, winning only 0.2 percent of the vote. Then, as the economy collapsed, gangs of neo-Nazis began terrorizing migrants, including traumatized Syrian refugees, and support for Golden Dawn surged.

In 2012, the party claimed 7 percent of the vote and 17 seats in Parliament, a victory Golden Dawn leaders reportedly took as approval for "protecting" Greece from a flood of immigrants from Africa was attacked by thugs who carved Golden Dawn's



Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán addresses a rally of his party on Saturday in front of the Budapest Parliament building after he was re-elected.

ZOLTAN MATYAS/AP

The question now becomes the degree to which voters in these countries and across Europe are becoming accustomed to the rhetoric of the neo-fascist movements, and the extent to which the ruling parties pander to right-wing voters.

insignia into his back, an Egyptian was tortured, and a Pakistani was killed bicycling to work. Human rights groups counted at least 320 victims of racist violence in Greece last year alone.

But it was not until September's slaying of a Greek citizen, the anti-fascist rap musician Pavlos Fyssas, that the government moved against Golden Dawn, arresting most of its senior leadership and alleging that it is a criminal organization engaged in offenses ranging from weapons possession to murder.

The party's "führer" and several others remain in jail, while two special magistrates investigate. Yet a defiant Golden Dawn is still advancing candidates for both local and European Parliament elections this month, and some of its alumni say they will stand under a new name, National Dawn. A court is expected to rule on who can run. And there is growing evidence that Golden Dawn has benefited from the tolerance, if not support, of elements of the ruling New Democracy party, the police, the Greek Orthodox Church and the military.

In both Greece and Hungary, the far

right is clearly growing in popularity. The question now becomes the degree to which voters in these countries and across Europe are becoming accustomed to the rhetoric of the neo-fascist movements, and the extent to which the ruling parties pander to right-wing voters.

It now appears that far-right candidates may win enough seats in the European Parliament to form a bloc that could corrode the fundamental premise of the EU: an alliance for shared peace and prosperity built on respect for territorial integrity, strong democratic institutions and a commitment to human rights.

Oddly, the best hope for a democratic Europe may lie in the traditional disdain of Western European right-wingers for Eastern and Southern Europeans, and squabbling within the far right over which of the national parties are so extreme as to cause an image problem. Those internal tensions could prevent the European neo-fascists from forming a functional continental alliance — just as in Old Europe.

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OPINION

Needn't deny climate change to question claims

The Orange County Calif. Register editorial

John Paul Holdren, senior adviser to President Barack Obama on science and technology, took a star turn last week when he released the administration's third U.S. National Climate Assessment.

The document is "the most comprehensive and authoritative ever about how climate has been changing in the United States," Holdren said. It "confirms that climate change is not a distant threat. It is affecting the American people already."

But wait, said the White House science czar. Obama is ready to roll out his climate action plan, which he originally outlined last June. It will spare the American people, Holdren suggested, from "the impacts of changes in climate that can longer be avoided."

The central goal of the president's plan is to ostensibly reduce carbon dioxide in the atmosphere by mandating reductions in greenhouse gas emissions from burning coal, oil and gas.

Indeed, the Obama Environmental Protection Agency last September proposed a regulation strictly limiting carbon emissions of newly built coal-fired power plants. If unchanged, the regulation will all but ensure that no new coal plants are built in this country.

Meanwhile, the EPA has tasked the EPA with issuing draft regulations by June 1 limiting emissions

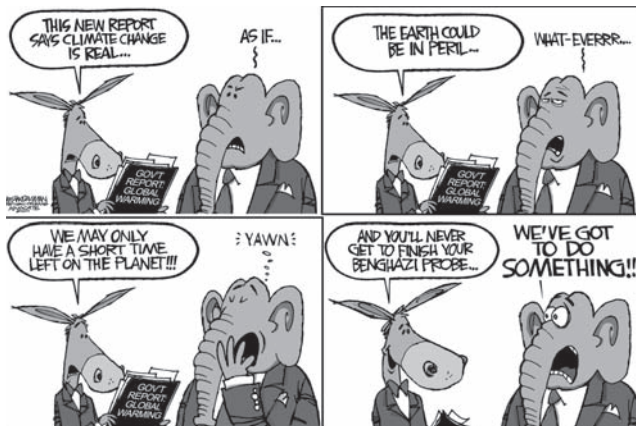
by existing coal-burning power plants, a third (or more) of which potentially could be shut down.

As to oil, the State Department last month put on indefinite hold a decision as to whether to approve the proposed Keystone XL pipeline, which would deliver 800,000 barrels of crude daily from Hardisty, Alberta, to refineries on the U.S. Gulf Coast.

In March, the EPA issued a new regulation requiring oil refiners to install expensive new equipment to remove sulfur from gasoline. The requirement will not only raise the cost of oil refining by billions of dollars, it also will drive up the cost of gasoline, which already has increased 100 percent under Obama.

The Obama administration insists that its expensive new requirements imposed upon the nation's coal plants and oil refineries, and its delay in making a decision on Keystone XL, are driven by sound science and meant to reduce the threat climate change poses to the health and well-being of the American people.

The EPA claims its emissions standards for new coal-fired plants will save up to 34,000 lives per year, while also preventing 15,000 heart attacks and 400,000 cases of asthma. It similarly claims its requirement that oil refineries produce sulfur-free gasoline will prevent up to 2,000 premature deaths and 2,200 hospital visits.



One needn't be a climate change "denier" to question those dubious claims. Indeed, Cato Institute's Paul Knappenberger and Patrick Michaels noted that the Obama administration's National Climate Assessment predicts more heat-related deaths because of climate change. But that flies in the face of findings of studies that have concluded the exact

opposite.

That includes research by a team led by Jennifer Bobb, of the Harvard School of Public Health, which found that the risk of dying from excessive heat in the U.S. was declining.

It stands to reason that, if the administration's supposed "comprehensive and authoritative" assessment on U.S. climate change

is wrong on heat-related deaths, other of the document's claims may be wrong as well.

That's why we cannot help but conclude that the Obama administration's determination to regulate coal plants and gasoline production, and to delay approval of the Keystone pipeline, is driven more by politics and less by impartial science.

We mustn't grow complacent about lingering intolerance

By JAY AMBROSE

The biggest attention-grabbing racial story of the day has not been a recent Supreme Court ruling on affirmative action. It is not a concern that some states could be making it harder for minorities to vote. It is about an 80-year-old married guy thinking he was talking to his early 30s girlfriend while actually talking to the world.

That's the way things work in a new America in which there are recording devices in every nook, cranny and pocket. If the speaker happens to be a billionaire who owns a professional basketball team and what he says is a racist slur, you can bet he is going to end up on a website spreading celebrity gossip.

By the time the digital world, TV and radio had spent next to no time on this, Donald Sterling was a household name, his reputation was dirt and his continued ownership of the team questionable.

Good. He had slogged away on his racism for years, and it was time his despicable diligence caught up with him.

But while this one-person incident points to how this kind of vile bigotry continues to slither through our society, there's a bigger question. Is the incident illustrative of a widespread regress despite the historic election of a black president and an array of other positives?

I think the positives are winning. Even the reaction to Sterling is one of those positives. Look at the immediate, loud, unhesitating protest of advertisers, NBA players and owners, media commentators and a slew of others and then tell me we are still a people that abide this sort of



Clippers owner Donald Sterling attends a Clippers game with wife, Rochelle.

thing.

Consider as another convincing positive that the racial habits of some of the old are far from being adopted by many of the young. I was recently at a conference concerning the millennial generation born between 1980 and 2000. A millennial virtue, it was said, is that racial prejudice is

out the window.

But wait. What about that Supreme Court ruling that Michigan voters had the right to disallow affirmative action in public institutions? A lawyer on the losing side characterized it as racist, a major step backward.

An answer to him is that affirmative

action itself is a system of racial preferences that can give advantages to the privileged over the disadvantaged. At the least it endorses a skin-color test once viciously used against blacks and hardly rendered just when employed in a different direction. Nothing in the ruling, in the meanwhile, would prohibit any university from offering special opportunities to disadvantaged minorities and others in tough circumstances as long as there is no racial discrimination.

It's supposedly racism again when states act to prevent voter fraud with ID rules that apply equally to everyone and are a snap to comply with. It is true that we do not know the full extent of voter fraud today, in part because too few laws enable close scrutiny, but we do know that something like 1.8 million dead people are registered to vote on top of 2.75 million live people registered in more than one state.

As much is reported by Robert Popper, a former U.S. civil rights official who argues in a Wall Street Journal op-ed piece that the reasons for caution are legitimate and the reasons to worry about vote-squashing state responses aren't. He notes minority voting has gone up or stayed roughly the same in states that have passed ID laws.

We have much to despise in our racial history, from the slavery none of us witnessed to the segregation many of us saw up close. Racism is still with us and evinces itself in ways more deeply painful than remarks by Sterling.

We must never grow complacent. But I believe we continue to be headed in a better direction.

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NATION

Tiniest breeds of pocket-size pooches are quite a handful

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Living little carries some big risks.

The smallest dogs in the world weigh less than 7 pounds, and can easily slip through cracks in a fence, get stepped on or even hugged a little too hard.

A few other "little" problems are inherent in the popular "toy" pooches that people love to tote in purses, push in strollers or carry along on errands. They can be expensive if purebred, can't keep pace with big dogs on long walks, shouldn't roughhouse with kids and are often targeted by thieves.

Pet owners say the small setbacks don't overshadow the diminutive dogs' outsized personalities.

"There is vulnerability about small dogs. You have to protect them," said Debra Beilstein, secretary of the Yorkshire Terrier Club of Los Angeles. Her Yorkie, 13-year-old Mica, weighs 3.8 pounds.

She said their stature doesn't keep them down.

"Yorkies don't think of themselves as small," Beilstein said. "They have big personalities, lots of attitude."

Many toy dogs have genetic problems with teeth and joints, and they won't save you money on food costs because they tend to live longer than larger dogs, experts say.

The Chihuahua, Pomeranian, Yorkshire terrier and Maltese are American Kennel Club-designated toy dogs that weigh less than 7 pounds.

No one knows exactly how many of the dogs are living in the United States or around the world, but the Yorkshire terrier is the most popular toy breed in the country, ranking No. 6 on this year's list of all Kennel Club-registered breeds.

Small dogs like Yorkies still require big-time care, American Kennel Club spokeswoman Jessica Rice D'Amato said.

"Just because they are small doesn't mean they need less exercise or mental stimulation than other breeds," she said. Do your research, talk to breeders and think about your lifestyle before adopting a toy, she said.

Those who own toy dogs say they make up for their small stature with a large presence. Dr. Jack Stephens, a veterinarian in Boise, Idaho, who has a 2-pound, 13-year-old Chihuahua named Torrey, said Yorkies have a reputation of being a little cocky, almost too confident, an attribute shared by his pet Chihuahua.

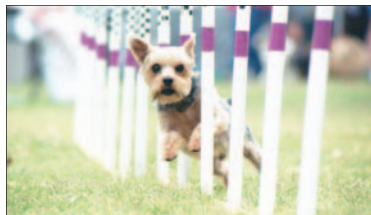
"You will not find a smaller dog than Torrey, nor one more strong-willed in personality, territory or aggressive than her," he said. "With 10 dogs in our household she 'rules' them all by sheer personality."



SMALL DOG,
**BIG
WORLD**

Torrey, a 13-year-old Chihuahua, sits on the head of his friend Duke, a 6-year-old Mastiff, in Anaheim, Calif.

AP photos



Above: Desi, a Yorkshire terrier, ranked No. 1 in the U.S. in agility in his class from 2001 to 2007. Left: Tampa, a 4-year-old Chihuahua, negotiates his way around the bigger dogs at a dog park in Los Angeles.

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SHIFTING GEARS



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A LaFerrari, center, is displayed on May 6 alongside Fiat and Chrysler vehicles at Auburn Hills, Mich., where Fiat Chrysler Automobiles NV unveiled its business strategy for the next five years as it prepares for life as a newly merged company.

Fiat Chrysler reveals plan to increase global sales

By DEE-ANN DURBIN
The Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — The combined Fiat Chrysler Automobiles is counting on expanding sales at Jeep, Alfa-Romeo and Maserati and a revival of the Chrysler brand to place it firmly in the top ranks of global automakers.

Italian automaker Fiat SpA and Chrysler Group, which formed a partnership five years ago and officially combined when Fiat finished buying Chrysler in January, jointly presented their future sales targets and product plans last week in a daylong meeting at Chrysler's Michigan headquarters.

There are many new products, including a full lineup of cars from Alfa-Romeo, as well as some victims. Jeep is ditching the Compass and Patriot small SUVs in favor of a new compact SUV that will come out in 2016. And after 30 years on the market, the Dodge Grand Caravan minivan will be killed off in an effort to focus Dodge on performance cars and boost sales of the Chrysler Town and Country.

While the company won't officially be known as Fiat Chrysler Automobiles until a Fiat shareholders meeting this summer, the 400 analysts, media and other attendees at Tuesday's event were welcomed by a sign with the new company name at the entrance to Chrysler's sprawling campus north of Detroit.

Shares of the combined company are expected to begin trading jointly on the New York Stock Exchange and in Milan, Italy, by the end of this year.

Fiat Chrysler wants to grow sales 60 percent to more than 7 million cars and trucks by 2018. The companies sold 4.4 million cars and trucks last year, compared with 6.3 million for Detroit rival Ford. Toyota was the global leader with sales of 9.98 million vehicles.

"Today we stand before you as a global carmaker," Fiat and Chrysler CEO Sergio Marchionne said. "Today is much more than a new chapter. We are beginning to write a



CARLOS OSORIO/AP

Chrysler Group LLC Chairman and CEO Sergio Marchionne speaks to investors at the automaker's world headquarters on May 6.

completely new book."

Marchionne, 61, said he expects to remain CEO through 2018 to make sure the plan gets delivered.

Fiat Chrysler Chief Financial Officer Richard Palmer said the company expects revenue to rise around 9 percent per year, from \$121 billion in 2013 to \$184 billion in 2018. Net income should reach \$7 billion, or \$5.57 per share, by 2018. The company doesn't plan to pay a dividend before 2018, he said.



Chrysler will become the mainstream brand for North America. The Town and Country minivan will get an update and add a plug-in hybrid version in 2016. A new compact car, the 100, arrives in 2016. A year later, a full-size crossover will be launched to compete with the Ford Edge and Nissan Murano. The crossover will also come in a plug-in hybrid version.



Dodge will lose the Grand Caravan and the Avenger sedan and concentrate on being a sporty, performance-oriented brand designed to appeal to younger buyers. The SRT brand, which includes the Viper sports car, will be consolidated with Dodge and considered the "halo" of the Dodge brand.



Alfa-Romeo, which returns to the U.S. this year with the 4C sports car, plans to introduce eight vehicles globally by 2018, including small, midsize and full-size cars and two SUVs. Alfa CEO Harald Wester said the company will invest nearly \$7 billion to develop and make the new vehicles, which will be positioned as direct competitors to BMW and Mercedes-Benz. Alfa hopes to increase sales from 74,000 in 2013 to 400,000 in 2018.



Jeep sales are expected to top 1 million this year, and can grow to 1.9 million by 2018 with an aggressive global expansion, particularly in Latin America and Asia, the company said. A new compact SUV in 2016 will replace the Compass and Patriot, and the seven-passenger Grand Wagoneer will launch in 2017. Jeep currently makes vehicles at three plants in the U.S. By 2018, it expects nearly half of all production to come from plants in Latin America, Europe and China.



Fiat brand sales are expected to grow from 1.5 million in 2013 to 1.9 million in 2018. New vehicles will include a subcompact car and compact pickup truck for South America in 2015, the Fiat 500X crossover for North America



in 2015 and a new Panda small car for Europe in 2018. Maserati, which sells four cars now, will have six by 2018. As a result, Wester expects sales to grow from 15,400 in 2013 to around 75,000 in 2018. Sister luxury brand Ferrari expects sales to stay around 7,000, but could rise to as many as 10,000 if demand increases.

Ferrari is not for sale, never will be

By BRENT SNAVELY
AND ALISA PRIDDLE
Detroit Free Press

Ferrari might be worth \$15 billion, according to Fiat and Chrysler CEO Sergio Marchionne, but is still not for sale and never will be.

Marchionne, who presided Tuesday over a daylong conference in Auburn Hills to reveal the five-year strategic plan for Fiat and Chrysler, said Wall Street analysts continue to drastically underestimate the value of Ferrari.

He said Ferrari's value is easily double the \$4.6 billion to \$7.5 billion they have estimated. Nevertheless, he said, the amount is immaterial because the brand is not for sale.

Analysts have long speculated Fiat either should or will sell the powerful brand. Marchionne said Ferrari is actually worth double their valuations, especially if the brand were to increase volume to 10,000 vehicles a year as it expands to new markets.

Marchionne told analysts to remember that every time they place a value on Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, especially when the company is looking to borrow money to fund growth of other brands.

Today, Fiat deliberately limits Ferrari production to 7,000 vehicles a year. A new model is introduced every year and each has a four-year lifespan.

The most recent, the limited-edition LaFerrari, has sold out its allotment of 499.

Ferrari controlled the Maserati luxury brand for seven years, ending in 2005. It is one of three luxury brands that are now part of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles. The other two are Maserati and Alfa Romeo.

Fiat Chrysler Automobiles is aiming to quadruple the global sales of its Maserati luxury brand by 2018, Harald Wester, CEO of the brand, said Tuesday in Auburn Hills.

Fiat acquired Maserati in 1993, but the brand's global sales have been modest. Maserati's sales have grown from 8,600 in 2008 to 15,400 in 2013.

Wester said the company's sales should grow to more than 75,000 by 2018.

Fiat Chrysler Automobiles plans to achieve that rapid growth by launching the Levante SUV this year, followed by the Alfieri Coupe, GranTurismo and Grancabrio between 2016 and 2018.

"By 2018, we will be covering the luxury market in its entirety," Wester said. "We will be building ultra-luxury automobiles with timeless style, we plan to keep our connection to our racing heritage intact, and we will further evolve our unique sculpture and Italian style."

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Judge retires, lamenting privacy invasion

FL KEY WEST — A judge in the Florida Keys said his decision to retire early came after an inappropriate invasion of his privacy.

Judge David Audlin announced in April that he was retiring with four years left on his term. Friday was the Monroe County chief circuit judge's last day.

The Miami Herald reported a blogger found a profile for Audlin in January on Manhunt, a website that bills itself as the world's biggest gay hookup site. The next day, a website called Above the Law posted a story about the blog.

Audlin did nothing illegal and no one has called on him to resign. Audlin said that after contemplating the matter for several months, he decided to return to private practice.

Hikers stung by bees rescued from mountain

AZ TUCSON — Two teenagers who were stung multiple times by bees while hiking a southern Arizona mountain were rescued by firefighters.

Northwest Fire District spokesman Adam Goldberg said two 18-year-old hikers used their cellphones to call 911 Friday night from a mountain in Marana after a bee attack.

Goldberg said the teens encountered a beehive in a crevice and were stung between 20 and 30 times.

Goldberg said rescuers hiked up the mountain and were able to help them down on foot. He said both appear to be in good condition.

Fort Ticonderoga unveils exhibits, events

NY TICONDEROGA — Fort Ticonderoga is featuring new exhibits and activities that offer visitors a glimpse into how 18th-century soldiers dressed, what they carried into battle and how they were treated when wounded.

The historic site overlook Lake Champlain in the southeastern Adirondacks.

This year, the fort's staff will portray the Pennsylvania troops who garrisoned the fort in 1776, a year after the American Revolution started. They'll show visitors how American soldiers spent their days guarding a wilderness outpost against attacks by the British.

The new exhibits in the fort's museum include a display of the fort's extensive collection of 18th-century military clothing. Other exhibits will highlight the weapons soldiers used during the era and how sickness and battlefield wounds were treated at the fort.

Workers rewarded with \$50K shopping spree

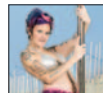
IA URBANDALE — An Iowa company has rewarded 174 of its workers with a \$50,000 shopping spree at Jordan Creek Town Center in Urbandale just outside Des Moines.

Des Moines television station KCCI reported that the Interstate

THE CENSUS

\$5

The amount of a per-customer tax at Texas strip clubs that was ruled legal by a state appeals court, which rejected arguments from attorneys for strip club owners that it was an improper occupation tax and unconstitutional. The law affects more than 200 clubs that offer nude entertainment. What has become known as the "pole tax" was passed in 2007, and earmarks the first \$25 million of the tax every two years to a sexual assault prevention program.



SCOTT MASON, THE WINCHESTER (VA.) STAR/AP

Shimmy for a cause

A group of Shimmy Shape belly dancers hold a "Shimmy Mob" on Saturday to raise money for the Laurel Center women's shelter capital campaign in Winchester, Va.

Battery workers — all dressed in green — lined up outside the mall Friday afternoon for two hours of shopping. With \$50,000 to spend, that came to nearly \$300 per worker.

The company, which distributes a variety of batteries in several states, said the shopping spree was a reward to workers at the Urbandale store for meeting aggressive sales goals last year.

City workers patrolling for fire hazards

AZ FLAGSTAFF — Flag-staff police and firefighters have begun patrolling the wooded areas within the city limits to look for fire hazards.

Police spokesman Cory Runge said teams of two have been educating residents about fire danger and looking for ways to reduce the risk of wildfire.

The teams also will document any campsites that need to be cleaned up.

The efforts are part of the Woods Watch program. Dozens of people recently were trained on

how to properly report incidents that could spark wildfires, such as people sneaking into closed areas and disregarding fire restrictions.

Officials said drought and windy conditions could cause fires to spread quickly, endangering lives and property.

Authorities help runaway cows go home

NY GRAFTON — Five cows that went on the lam are back home in upstate New York thanks to a quick-thinking emergency dispatcher and a Facebook post.

State police said the cows were spotted Saturday wandering along State Route 2 in Grafton, about 20 miles northeast of Albany.

They said troopers corralled the "feisty" creatures into a yard until a Rensselaer County dispatcher figured out where they belonged.

The dispatcher saw a Facebook post from the family of a farmer asking if anyone had seen their missing cattle.

Authorities contacted the farm-

er and the cows were returned safely.

Boston drivers urged to 'Use Yah Blinkah'

MA BOSTON — Perhaps the reason notoriously aggressive Boston drivers don't use their turn signals is that no one's ever put it in terms they understand.

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation on Friday changed that by posting messages on electronic highway signs around the city that read: "Changing Lanes? Use Yah Blinkah."

"Blinkah" is how many Bostonians pronounce "blinker," otherwise known as a turn signal.

The signs were scheduled to stay up through Mother's Day on Sunday, which state officials say is one of the busiest traffic days of the year.

Drivers who fail to use their "blinkah" when changing lanes on a Massachusetts highway are subject to a fine. Police across the state handed out almost 5,000 tickets for the offense last year.

Librarian finds letters from '67 meant for '87

NM FARMINGTON — A New Mexico librarian discovered a blast from the past, specifically 1967.

Lola Delaney said she was recently cleaning the library of Hermosa Middle School in Farmington when she went through a cardboard box. She said that inside were 31 letters dated April 1967.

According to the letters, they were written by students and meant to be given to the class of 1987.

In the letters, the students touch on numerous topics including the Vietnam War, the space race and miniskirts.

Delaney said the students who wrote the letters have been invited to an annual celebration May 19 at the school, where the letters will be available to read.

She said she doesn't know if students in 1987 ever received them.

From wire reports

FACES

'Neighbors' tops 'Spider-Man 2'

Los Angeles Times

Executives at Universal Pictures can break out the red plastic cups.

The studio's R-rated comedy "Neighbors" far exceeded industry expectations at the domestic box office this past weekend, debuting at No. 1 with \$51.1 million, according to an estimate from Universal. Heading into the weekend, prerelease audience surveys had indicated the flick starring Seth Rogen and Zac Efron would be in a tight race with "The Amazing Spider-Man 2." Both films had been projected to gross roughly \$40 million apiece.

Instead, the superhero sequel saw its ticket sales tumble 59 percent to \$37.2 million in its second weekend. After 10 days in theaters, the film has grossed \$147.9 million—lagging behind director Marc Webb's first film in the Spider franchise. The 2012 "The Amazing Spider-Man" collected \$165.9 million after 10 days.

"Neighbors" marks another win for Rogen after last summer's hit "This Is the End," an apocalypse comedy he co-wrote, co-directed and starred in that collected more than \$100 million. He served as a producer on "Neighbors," in which he plays a dad who moves in next door to a riotous frat house with his wife (Rose Byrne) and newborn.

The film's strong opening also bodes well for Efron, who has had a tough year in the public eye because of a struggle with

substance abuse. Though he has been a teen favorite since his breakout role in the "High School Musical" series, the 26-year-old has had trouble proving himself as a legitimate box-office draw. "Neighbors" is his best opening ever, not counting the animated film "The Lorax," in which he voiced a character.

Overseas, where the film is known in many countries as "Bad Neighbors," the picture was No. 1 in 17 of the 29 locations where it debuted. The majority of the movie's \$34.4 million international total came from Britain and Australia.

Meanwhile, "Spider-Man 2" continues to perform well abroad. This past weekend, the film starring Andrew Garfield surpassed \$400 million, taking in an additional \$69 million. In China, where the last Spider film did its best foreign business, the sequel has already made \$54 million. With an international total of \$403 million, the film has a strong chance of exceeding the \$490 million the 2012 film made abroad.

Two other films opened state-side to disappointing results. The animated film "Legends of Oz: Dorothy's Return" opened with a dismal \$3.7 million. The picture, which features the voices of actors such as Lea Michele and Dan Aykroyd, cost \$70 million to produce.

"Moms' Night Out," a PG-rated family film starring Patricia Heaton, opened with \$4.2 million.

'Daily Show' writer Wilmore latest to get late-night timeslot

The Associated Press

Writer-comic Larry Wilmore of "The Daily Show" has earned Stephen Colbert's coveted Comedy Central timeslot following Jon Stewart each night.

Comedy Central said Friday that Wilmore will host "The Minority Report" at 11:30 each week-night, starting in January.

Wilmore, who's black, will add a different perspective to a late-night landscape dominated by white men.

The network said "The Minority Report" will provide a platform for "underrepresented voices in comedy and media." It was created and will be produced by Stewart, who will continue to host "The Daily Show."

Colbert, a fellow "Daily Show" alumnus who was rewarded with his own show a decade ago, is wrapping "The Colbert Report"



Wilmore

at the end of this year and will take over for David Letterman at CBS' "Late Show" next year.

Wilmore will move from his Los Angeles base to New York to tape his new series.

"I'm beyond excited to have this chance to continue my relationship with Comedy Central and the brilliant Jon Stewart," he said. "I love the city of New York and I promise to only wear my Laker T-shirts when I'm laying."

Stewart, calling Wilmore "a brilliant comic and showrunner," joked that "this is all just a complicated ruse to get him to move to New York and turn him into a Knicks fan."

The 52-year-old Wilmore serves as Senior Black Correspondent on "The Daily Show," which he joined in 2006. Before that he had written for "In Living Color," "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air" and "The Jamie Foxx Show." He co-created the animated series "The PJs" with Eddie Murphy as well as the critically acclaimed "Bernie Mac Show."



CHARLES SYKES, INVISION/AP

Hamming it up at Madame Tussauds

The first thing Jon Hamm did when he saw his wax figure unveiled May 9 at New York's Madame Tussauds? He took a selfie with it. "That's a no-brainer," he said.

The wax figure is decked out in a debonair-looking gray suit. Hamm, who stars in the AMC drama "Mad Men," said it was coincidence that he arrived at the unveiling wearing a gray suit.

Hamm also joked about the stoic expression on the mannequin saying, "a lot of people would say this kind of describes my acting (on 'Mad Men'). A lot of way stares, a lot of silent brooding."

Hamm was joined by his longtime girlfriend, actress Jennifer Westfeldt, who kept marveling at how uncannily the figure looked like him.

— The Associated Press

NBC adds a slew of new series

The Associated Press

NBC, which rebounded this season from a ratings slump, will try to build on its gains with a dozen new series in the 2014-15 season that include dramas starring Debra Messing and Katherine Heigl and two comedies produced by Will Ferrell. Messing will star as a homicide detective and working mom in "The Mysteries of Laura" this fall, while former "Grey's Anatomy" star Heigl will return to the small screen as a CIA agent in "State of Affairs" starting in November.

Alfre Woodard will play the president opposite Heigl. Other familiar TV faces starting in new NBC series or miniseries this coming season will include David Duchovny, Kate Walsh and Craig Robinson of "The Office."

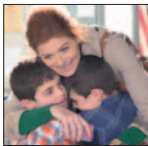
NBC decided to cancel "Dracula," "Community," "Revolution," "Growing Up Fisher," "Believe," "Crisis," "Ironside," "The Michael J. Fox Show," "Sean Saves the World" and "Welcome to the Family."

"Parenthood" will air its final season starting this fall. The Amy Poehler comedy "Parks and Recreation" will get its final run in a midseason slot, the network said.

"The Blacklist," starring James Spader, will get the 2015 post-Super Bowl spot.

Other series for next season include the Ferrell-produced sitcoms "Bad Judge" starring Walsh as an unorthodox criminal court judge, and "Mission Control," with Krysten Ritter as an aerospace engineer in the 1960s. It's planned for midseason.

The drama "Constantine," based on the DC Comics series "Hellblazer," is set for a fall debut. Duchovny will star in the limited-run series



NBC/AP

Debra Messing will star in the new series "The Mysteries of Laura."

"Aquarius" as a Los Angeles police sergeant who's on the trail of future killer Charles Manson in 1967. The air date was not announced.

Among NBC's other new shows:

■ "A to Z," a romantic comedy starring Ben Feldman of "Mad Men" and Cristin Miliotti of "How I Met Your Mother."

■ "Mr. Robinson," a sitcom about a rock band frontman (Robinson) who daylights as a substitute teacher and crosses swords with the principal.

■ "Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt," produced by Tina Fey and starring Ellie Kemper ("The Office") as a woman rediscovering the world after being rescued from 15 years of life in a cult.

■ "Allegiance," a drama about a CIA analyst who discovers his parents are former Russian spies being called back to work.

■ "Emerald City," a drama about a young woman's search for her roots that leads her to a reimagined Land of Oz.

■ "Odyssey," about strangers fighting an international conspiracy involving the military, corporate interests and Middle Eastern terrorists.

In other TV news:

Fox will air new series on six of seven nights in the fall, including the much-awaited "Batman" prequel "Gotham." "Gotham" follows a 12-year-old future cape crusader in a crime-ridden city.

Fox will cut "American Idol" to one night for several weeks next spring, an acknowledgment that the show has declined from television's biggest phenomenon to just another moderately successful series.

An unscripted series, "Utopia," will place people in an undeveloped area and ask them to develop a new civilization. It will air twice a week.

Other new series to premiere in the fall are the youthful soap "Red Band Society"; a 10-episode series "Gracepoint," based on the British drama "Broadchurch"; and "Mulaney," starring John Mulaney as a struggling standup comic.

Fox is canceling "Enlisted," "Dads," "Rake" and "Surviving Jack," "Almost Human" and "The X-Factor."

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Economists see wages climbing in '14

By PAUL DAVIDSON
AND BARBARA HANSEN
USA Today

Tired of getting raises that you can jangle in your pocket? This year may be different.

After stagnating for years, wage gains will accelerate in 2014, a wide majority of leading economists predict in a USA Today survey. The bigger paychecks are expected to help fuel a more rapid recovery.

"This is kind of the final piece of the puzzle for the consumer," said Scott Anderson, chief economist of Bank of the West.

The 40 economists, surveyed May 2-6, also said economic and job growth will ratchet higher the rest of this year despite an economy that stalled in the first quarter.

Average wages have risen about 2 percent per year since the recovery began in mid-2009, and have been virtually flat after adjusting for inflation. The mod-

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est increases have held back consumer spending, which typically accounts for nearly 70 percent of U.S. economic activity.

But the jobless rate has been falling rapidly, to 6.3 percent from 8.1 percent in August 2012. Anderson is among economists who said that as unemployment approaches 6 percent by year's end, a more limited supply of available workers will force employers to step up pay increases.

Last month, average hourly earnings were up just 1.9 percent from a year ago. But pay for production and supervisory employees rose 2.3 percent during

that period — a sign that wages will drift higher for all types of workers, said economist Michael Gapen, of Barclays Capital.

Wage pressures are already building in fields such as technology and construction as employers struggle to find skilled workers, said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist of The PNC Financial Services Group.

Even low-wage employees soon could benefit from faster-growing paychecks. Because the Affordable Care Act lets workers buy moderately priced insurance without having full-time jobs, many retail, restaurant and other workers are likely to retire or to scale back their hours, said Dean Baker, co-director of the Center for Economic and Policy Research. Employers will have to pay more to attract a smaller pool of remaining workers, he said.

Anderson expects average pay increases of nearly 3 percent this year. Robert Mellman, of JPMorgan Chase forecasts more modest

advances of about 2.2 percent.

The wage gains likely will coincide with stronger economic growth. The nation's gross domestic product expanded just 0.1 percent annualized in the first quarter, but much of the slowdown was temporary. Nearly 90 percent of the economists surveyed said bad weather affected the economy a lot or a fair amount the first three months of the year.

The economists predicted the annual rate of GDP growth will be 3 percent or more in the current quarter and in the final two quarters of the year, according to their median estimate, the longest such stretch since 2005. They also said monthly job gains will average 210,000 in that period, up from an average 194,000 last year.

Michael Englund, chief economist of Action Economics, cited rising household wealth and lower debt, pent-up demand among businesses for new equipment and fewer federal budget cuts.

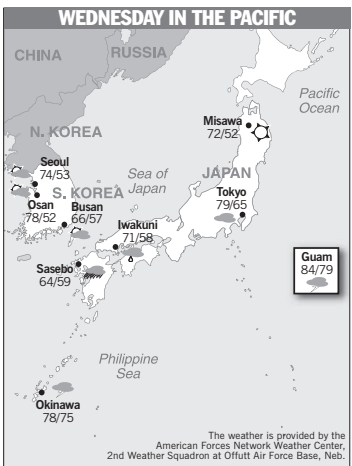
EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (May 13)	\$1.4126
Dollar buys (May 13)	€0.7079
British pound (May 13)	\$1.73
Japanese yen (May 13)	99.00
South Korean won (May 13)	999.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
Canada (dollar)	\$1.6891/0.5920
China (Yuan)	1.0881
Denmark (Krone)	6.2378
Egypt (Pound)	7.0575
Euro (dollar)	\$1.3766/0.7264
Hong Kong (dollar)	7.7518
Hungary (Forint)	220.34
Israel (Shekel)	3.4585
Japan (Yen)	102.95
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2813
Norway (Krone)	5.9154
Philippines (Peso)	43.73
Poland (Zloty)	3.4034
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7505
Singapore (dollar)	1.2507
South Korea (Won)	1,022.84
Switzerland (Franc)	0.8975
Taiwan (Baht)	32.62
Turkey (New Lira)	2.0823
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INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	3.25
Federal funds market rate	0.08
3-month bill	0.03
30-year bond	3.46

WEATHER OUTLOOK



Tuesday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Ablene, Tex	66	50	Pdly	Chatanooga	86	65	Cldy	Fort Wayne	79	65	Rain	Louisville	84	67	Cldy
Akron, Ohio	66	50	Pdly	Chicago	68	67	Rain	Fresno	94	59	Cldy	Lubbock	62	41	Cldy
Albany, N.Y.	68	53	Pdly	Cincinnati	83	65	Cldy	Goodland	57	31	PCldy	Macon	87	64	PCldy
Albuquerque	56	39	Pdly	Cleveland	83	64	Cldy	Grand Junction	73	66	Rain	Madison	63	56	Cldy
Allentown, Pa.	80	61	Cldy	Colorado Springs	47	25	PCldy	Green Bay	62	32	Cldy	Medford	92	49	Cir
Anchorage	62	46	PCldy	Columbia, S.C.	89	66	PCldy	Greensboro, N.C.	89	66	PCldy	Milwaukee	78	69	Rain
Asheville	82	57	PCldy	Columbus, Ga.	86	65	Cldy	Hartford	81	67	Cldy	Miami Beach	87	77	PCldy
Atlanta	85	67	PCldy	Concord, N.H.	62	49	Cldy	Harrisburg	66	57	Cldy	Miami	56	44	Cldy
Atlantic City	75	63	PCldy	Copus Christi	76	74	Rain	Helena	65	33	Cldy	Missoula	69	32	Cldy
Austin	88	69	Cldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	69	56	Cldy	Honolulu	84	72	Cldy	Mpls-St Paul	50	30	PCldy
Baltimore	88	65	Cldy	Dayton	81	64	Rain	Houston	82	72	Rain	Montgomery	89	65	Cldy
Baton Rouge	86	69	Cldy	Daytona Beach	85	71	PCldy	Huntsville	87	66	PCldy	Nashville	85	67	Rain
Bilings	62	37	PCldy	Denver	51	23	PCldy	Indianapolis	78	68	Rain	New Orleans	87	71	Cldy
Birmingham	87	66	PCldy	Des Moines	63	47	PCldy	Jacksonville	84	66	Cldy	New York City	74	62	Cldy
Bismarck	55	36	PCldy	Detroit	81	65	Rain	Jacksonville	87	67	PCldy	Newark	74	65	Cldy
Boise	72	38	Cir	Duluth	51	38	Cldy	Juneau	63	43	Cldy	Norfolk, Va.	87	67	PCldy
Boston	55	33	PCldy	El Paso	72	50	Cldy	Kansas City	64	45	PCldy	North Platte	57	30	PCldy
Bridgeport	66	59	Cldy	Elkins	83	54	PCldy	Key West	79	79	Cldy	Okla City	68	46	Cldy
Brownsville	82	74	Rain	Erie	81	63	PCldy	Knoxville	85	63	Cldy	Omaha	60	42	PCldy
Buffalo	80	59	Cldy	Eugene	82	45	Cir	Lake Charles	82	72	Rain	Orlando	90	71	PCldy
Burlington, Vt.	61	36	Cir	Evansville	76	70	Rain	Lansing	78	66	Rain	Padsuch	73	68	Rain
Caribou, Maine	61	36	Cir	Fairbanks	59	43	Cldy	Las Vegas	83	61	Cir	Pendleton	76	40	PCldy
Charleston, S.C.	51	27	PCldy	Fargo	52	38	Cir	Lexington	85	65	Cldy	Perth	67	57	Cldy
Charleston, W.Va.	86	68	PCldy	Flagstaff	55	30	Cir	Lincoln	60	41	PCldy	Philadelphia	80	67	Cldy
Charlotte, N.C.	88	60	PCldy	Flint	80	65	Rain	Little Rock	72	64	Rain	Phoenix	92	64	Cir
				Fort Smith	66	54	Cldy	Los Angeles	95	61	Cir	Pittsburgh	86	64	Cldy

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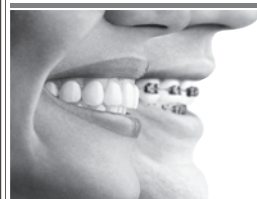
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Martin Kaymer hits from behind a tree off the 15th fairway Sunday during the final round of The Players Championship at TPC Sawgrass on Sunday in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Kaymer made double bogey on the hole, but went on to win the tournament.

Big putt, big win for Kaymer

Par-saving 30-footer on 17 helps earn Players Championship

By DOUG FERGUSON
The Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Martin Kaymer thought his gap wedge to the island green on the 17th hole at The Players Championship was fine. He couldn't believe it when he realized it had bounced sideways and spun so hard that it wound up in the shaggy collar, a foot away from going into the water.

That one shot summed up the final hour of Kaymer's remarkable victory Sunday at the TPC Sawgrass.

There was stress and surprise around every corner, not the least of which was Kaymer saving par on the 17th hole with a 30-foot putt that sped down a slope, turned right and rolled into the middle of the cup. That carried him to a one-shot victory over Jim Furyk, the first trophy for the 29-year-old German since the end of 2012.

He putted from short of the 18th green to 3 feet, rapped that in for another par and closed with a 1-under 71.

But it was that par on the 17th that will be the signature moment of a peculiar week at Sawgrass. "I thought it was actually a good golf shot, maybe 2 feet short," Kaymer said. "I don't know. That's the way it looked from the tee box. Yeah, I was very surprised it was not even on the green. Yeah, I look forward to seeing the 17th hole in general. It was a very strange way to make a 3."

It was a finish Kaymer could not have imagined.

Jordan Spieth began The Players by going 58 holes without a bogey, only to make five in the next 11 holes and miss another opportunity at a big event. He shared the 54-hole lead at the



LYNNE SLADKY/AP

Martin Kaymer lifts the The Players Championship trophy TPC Sawgrass on Sunday.

Masters and The Players and watched someone else leave with the trophy.

Furyk was the runner-up for the second straight week, both times from the locker room. He closed with a 66 — waiting 90 minutes through a storm delay before he could return to tap in for par on the 18th, and then another hour to see if his 12-under 278 would be enough to catch Kaymer, or at least force a playoff.

Kaymer, who looked so finely tuned all week, was a changed man after the rain delay. He hardly missed a shot and built a three-shot lead, only to return from the break and leave his thinking cap back in the clubhouse at Sawgrass.

A bad tee shot and an even worse chip led to a double bogey on the 15th hole, and suddenly his lead was down to one shot. In position to make birdie at the par-5 16th, he chose the safe — nervous, in this case — play with a

putter up the slope of the green and had to two-putt from 35 feet just to make par.

And on the 17th, his situation was so dire that he kept telling himself he still had the 18th — where the hole location was in a favorable spot for birdsies — to win the next best thing to a major. Instead, the German who keeps so calm let loose a fist pump that would have made Tiger Woods proud when his 30-footer dropped for par.

"Making a putt like this is more than big," said Kaymer, who finished at 13-under 275. "I think I will realize it the next few days. Making those putts in those situations is quite impressive. It gives me a lot of belief and a lot of confidence that I can make those putts. I've done it in the past, and today again. It's a great feeling."

From his record-tying 63 in the opening round, he never fell out of the lead except for one hole on Sunday. It was a win of a guy who knows how to close.

Furyk did his part with a 66, even though it wasn't enough. He still picked up \$1.08 million and was poised to No. 5 in the Ryder Cup standings.

As for Spieth?

He lost four shots in four holes to Kaymer around the turn and never caught up. It stung even more to realize that his 6-foot birdie putt on No. 4 put him at 14 under, and Kaymer's winning score was 13 under.

"I'm stinging right now," Spieth said. "It's not fun being that close and having opportunities and being in the lead on Sunday and not pulling it off."

Kaymer was all smiles. He had the trophy. He won \$1.8 million from the richest purse on the PGA Tour. And he made a par no one will forget anytime soon.

Indianapolis 500

Penske sweeps top 3 spots in practice

By MICHAEL MAROT
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Roger Penske's team got off to a fast start on a slow day at Indianapolis.

Less than 24 hours after working feverishly to convert three cars from road-course setups to oval setups, the winning owner in Indianapolis 500 history swept the top three spots on the first day of practice Sunday.

Australia's Will Power finished with a fast lap of 223.057 mph, Colombia's Juan Pablo Montoya was second at 222.502 and Brazil's Helio Castroneves was third at 222.373. Only three other drivers topped 222 mph.

And Penske's team made it look easy.

"It was important for us to get out there today and get some quality running in and you have to get your engines out of the old cars, which is what we did," Penske President Tim Cindric said. "Busy times, but I'm really proud of our guys."

The month opened with an unprecedented bang. But to nobody's surprise, Sunday's practice was more of a yawn. Track workers and most teams at the speedway scrambled to make the overnight transition and it took a toll.

Just two dozen drivers turned laps on the 2.5-mile oval, most finishing with fewer than 40 total laps and some in backup cars. Power's practice time more than 5 mph slower than last year's four-lap pole-winning average, and only a smattering of fans came out for opening day, which years ago was considered an unofficial holiday in town.

Penske's team wasn't the only one under the microscope.

NASCAR driver Kurt Busch's team not only had to make changes to Andretti Autosport's No. 26 Honda, it had to repair the car that in a crash during Saturday's inaugural Grand Prix of Indianapolis. Michael Andretti's team didn't even push Busch's car out of the garage until more than an hour after practice began. But the delay didn't slow down Busch, who is attempting to become the fourth driver to attempt "the double" — 1,100 miles of racing at Indianapolis and Charlotte on the same day. Busch's race will be held May 25.

Busch ran only 29 laps Sunday and was right in the middle of the pack, No. 12, after going 220.352.

Five things we learned after Sunday's practice day:

1 Back in line: Full-time team owner and part-time driver Ed Carpenter was back in the cockpit for the first time in seven months Sunday. Last year's Indy pole winner finished eighth on the speed chart with a lap of 221.772 (356.907). Long Beach winner Mike Conway is driving exclusively on the road and street courses while Carpenter is driving the ovals. The 500 is the



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

Australian Will Power had the fastest lap on Sunday in practice for the Indianapolis 500, finishing at 223.057 mph as he led a Penske racing sweep of the top three spots with teammates Juan Pablo Montoya and Helio Castroneves.

first race this season to be held on an oval.

2 Penske first: Castroneves, a three-time Indy winner, was the first car on the track, too. It's the fifth consecutive year a Roger Penske-owned car earned the distinction. But the Brazilian, who is attempting to become the fourth driver with four 500 wins, won't like the historical significance of that feat. Since 1984, only two drivers — Castroneves in 2010 and Ryan Briscoe in 2012 — who were first on the track earned the pole, only seven produced top-10 finishes and none reached Victory Lane that year.

3 Rookie test: Rookie Sage Karam, 19, had a solid start at Indianapolis. He passed the final part of his three-phase rookie test and at one point was atop the speed charts. The American turned the most laps (77) of any non-Penske owned car and he had fast lap of 217.310 (349.727). The defending Indy Lights champ is driving a car fielded jointly by Chip Ganassi Racing and Dreyer & Reinbold Kingdom Racing.

4 Leading Chevy: Chevrolet dominated the top 10 in practice. The top non-Penske driver, JR Hildebrand, was fourth in a Chevy. And the only Honda drivers to crack the top 10 were Ryan Hunter-Reay (fifth) and EJ Viso (sixth).

5 Mother's Day magic: Team owner Sarah Fisher celebrated Mother's Day in the flag stand and brought her daughter and mother to the track, too. Fisher was one of the most popular drivers in the series when she drove and is expecting her second child in June. "It's so neat that IMS recognizes mothers on Mother's Day. It's such a long month and there are such a lot of crew guys that are working out here the whole month. They have wives and moms at home. It's so nice that the track recognizes that Mother's Day is important."

SPORTS BRIEFS/MLS

Briefly

Nats put LaRoche on DL with strained quad

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Washington Nationals placed first baseman Adam LaRoche on the 15-day disabled list on Sunday because of a strained right quad.

LaRoche aggravated the injury during Friday's 8-0 loss to the Oakland Athletics and was held out of the final two games of the series. He was the Nationals' leading hitter in several categories and had five home runs and 21 RBIs before getting hurt. He joins Nationals third baseman Ryan Zimmerman and outfielder Bryce Harper on the DL.

Tyler Moore was called up from Triple-A Syracuse before Sunday's game against the A's to replace LaRoche and went hitless in three at-bats.

R&A ponders mail vote for female membership

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — The Royal & Ancient Golf Club could make history even before its historic vote in September to have female members.

R&A secretary Peter Dawson said the club is deciding whether to allow members to vote by proxy, something he said has never been done in club history. Club rules require members to be present to vote. Dawson announced last month that the R&A would vote Sept. 18 to allow female members for the first time in its 260-year history. The R&A Golf Club has

about 2,400 members around the world. He said he expects a decision on the voting procedure "fairly soon."

Eagles sign Huskers' Martinez as free agent

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska quarterback Taylor Martinez of Nebraska has signed with the Philadelphia Eagles as an undrafted free agent.

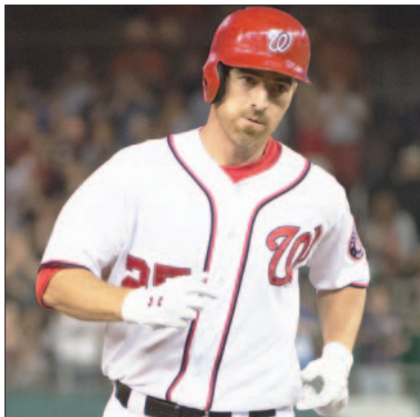
Martinez's father, Casey, confirmed on Sunday that Martinez would join the Eagles, but he didn't know what position Taylor would play. The Eagles' starter is Nick Foles, and Mark Sanchez and Matt Barkley are his backups.

Taylor Martinez played in only four games in 2013 because of a foot injury after being named to the coaches' All-Big Ten first team in 2012. The 6-foot-1, 210-pound Martinez left Nebraska as the program's career leader in total offense, passing yards, career touchdown passes and starts by a quarterback.

In other NFL news:

■ All-America defensive end Jackson Jeffcoat from Texas and former Washington quarterback Keith Price were among nine undrafted rookies to sign free-agent deals with the Seattle Seahawks.

■ The Indianapolis Colts signed 19 undrafted free agents, including former Ohio State offensive lineman Marcus Hall, best known for making an obscene gesture toward Michigan



HARRY E. WALKER/MCT

Nationals first baseman Adam LaRoche aggravated a quad injury on Friday against the Athletics and missed the final two games of the three-game series before being put on the disabled list.

fans after a second-quarter skirmish between the rivals last fall.

■ The Chicago Bears have announced deals with nine undrafted free agents, highlighted by former Northern Illinois quarterback Jordan Lynch. He threw for 2,892 yards and 24 TDs during his se-

nior season with the Huskies. He also rushed for 1,920 yards and 23 TDs. The 23-year-old Lynch, who finished third in the Heisman Trophy voting, is listed as a running back on the Bears' release.

■ Starting guard Will Rackley was one of six players released by

the Jacksonville Jaguars Monday. Rackley, a third-round pick from Lehigh in 2011, started 25 games over three seasons. He missed all of 2012 with an ankle injury.

Ex-Minnesota QB arrested in assault

MANKATO, Minn. — Former Minnesota Gophers quarterback Philip Robert Nelson was jailed following an altercation early Sunday that sent a former Minnesota State, Mankato, linebacker to the hospital in critical condition.

A police statement said officers came across Isaac Dallas Kolstad, 24, of Mankato, while patrolling the city's downtown entertainment district around 2 a.m. Nelson, 20, was arrested at the scene and taken to the Blue Earth County jail, the statement said.

Police are requesting felony charges of third-degree assault.

Nelson left the Gophers in January to transfer to Rutgers, which is moving into the Big Ten next season. Police were looking for a second suspect.

In other college football news:

■ University of Mississippi sophomore offensive lineman Austin Golson will transfer to Auburn. Golson said last month that he was considering transferring closer to his home in Prattville, Ala., because both of his grandfathers were sick. He was expected to be the Rebels' starting right tackle this fall after playing in 12 games last season.

MLS roundup

Chivas USA beats Rapids to snap 8-game winless streak

The Associated Press

COMMERCE CITY, Colo. — Marvin Chavez scored two goals against his former team and Chivas USA ended an eight-game winless streak with a 3-1 victory over the Colorado Rapids on Sunday.

Erick Torres opened the scoring with his eighth goal of the sea-

son in the 56th minute for Chivas, which had gone 0-5-3 since being the Chicago Fire in its season opener.

Torres' header beat goalkeeper Clint Irwin after Chivas didn't put a shot on goal in the first half.

Chavez, who made two appearances in two games for Colorado last season, broke free on a breakaway to beat Irwin in the 67th minute and again off a cross

in the 76th minute.

Galaxy 1, Timbers 1: Diego Valeri scored in the final minute of stoppage time, shortly after Robbie Keane's header two minutes into stoppage time appeared to give Los Angeles a win over host Portland.

Los Angeles peppered Portland goalkeeper Donovan Ricketts with shots all game, but couldn't break through until Keane's fifth

goal of the season. Valeri's goal was his second of the year.

Real Salt Lake 5, Dynamo 2: Javier Morales scored three times to lead visiting Real Salt Lake past a 10-man Houston to extend their unbeaten streak to 10 games to start the season.

Alvaro Saborio added a goal, and Luke Mulholland scored late in the second half for Salt Lake (5-0-5). Mark Sherrod scored

twice for Houston, which had its three-game unbeaten streak snapped.

Revolution 5, Sounders 0: Diego Fagundes scored two first-half goals and host New England routed Western Conference-leading Seattle. New England (5-3-2) extended its unbeaten run to five matches (4-0-1), and snapped a four-match winless slide against Seattle.



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NHL PLAYOFFS

Rangers stay alive, force Game 7

Emotional St. Louis scores as New York beats Pittsburgh to avoid elimination

By IRA PODELL
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — If Martin St. Louis wasn't a fan favorite during his first two months with the New York Rangers, he certainly became one during a very emotional weekend.

St. Louis came to New York in March in a deal in which popular team captain Ryan Callahan was shipped to Tampa Bay. When he didn't light up the scoreboard right away, the Madison Square Garden crowd was slow to warm to him.

That all changed Sunday night. Three days after the sudden death of his mother, St. Louis scored 3:34 in the Rangers' 3-1 win over Pittsburgh.

St. Louis avoided elimination for the second straight game by beating the Pittsburgh Penguins 3-1.

Game 7 of the Eastern Conference semifinal series is Tuesday night in St. Louis. New York advanced in the first round with a Game 7 win over Philadelphia.

St. Louis rejoined his teammates for Game 5 in Pittsburgh on Friday, after a quick trip to Montreal to be with his family. That dedication inspired his team during a 5-1 win and carried over to Sunday.



St. Louis



KATHY WILLEMS/AP

New York Rangers defenseman pile on to help goalie Henrik Lundqvist make a save as the Penguins' Chris Kunitz (14) threatens to score during the third period of Game 6 of their second-round playoff series on Sunday. The Rangers won 3-1 to tie the series at 3-3. Game 7 is Tuesday in Pittsburgh.

"It's probably one of the cooler things I've been a part of in my professional career," said Derek Stepan, who earned the first assist on St. Louis' goal. "The emotion on that goal is something that I will never forget."

Fans were already chanting "Mar-ty, Mar-ty" on his first shift. The cheers got louder after he scored. St. Louis, the first star of the game, patted his heart when he came out to an ovation from the crowd.

"Mother's Day, my dad is here, my sister is here," St. Louis said. "It's been a tough time for my whole family. To be able to get the

lead in the first period, it was a good one."

But not the prettiest of goals. St. Louis got in good position in front of the net. Stepan swiped at the puck in traffic and knocked it off St. Louis' right leg and into the net.

"I got a pretty good bounce," St. Louis said. "I know (my mother) helped me through this. It's a great win by the guys."

Carl Hagelin pushed the Rangers' lead to 2-0 just 2:51 later, and Henrik Lundqvist stopped 36 shots to keep Pittsburgh at bay.

Derrick Brassard made it 3-1 in the second period. Brandon Sut-

ter scored the lone goal for the Penguins, who got 26 saves from Marc-Andre Fleury.

Pittsburgh captain Sidney Crosby took a penalty at the end of the second period that gave the Rangers a power play to start the third. Several scrums also broke out — including one after the final buzzer.

"With a minute left in the game, emotions run high," Crosby said. "I don't think that's why we lost. We put ourselves in a bad position early. We fought hard and tried to get back, but you can't continue to do that in the playoffs. You can't start like that."

Scoreboard

Second round
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Best-of-3, Montreal 2
Montreal 4, Boston 3, 2OT
Boston 4, Montreal 1
Montreal 4, Boston 2
Boston 1, Montreal 0, OT
Boston 4, Montreal 2
Monday at Montreal
x-Wednesday at Boston
Pittsburgh 3, N.Y. Rangers 3
N.Y. Rangers 3, Pittsburgh 2, OT
Pittsburgh 3, N.Y. Rangers 0
Pittsburgh 2, N.Y. Rangers 0
Pittsburgh 4, N.Y. Rangers 2
N.Y. Rangers 5, Pittsburgh 1
Sunday: N.Y. Rangers 3, Pittsburgh 1
Tuesday: at Pittsburgh

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Chicago 3, Minnesota 2
Chicago 5, Minnesota 2
Chicago 4, Chicago 0
Minnesota 4, Chicago 0
Minnesota 4, Chicago 1
Sunday: Chicago 2, Minnesota 1
Tuesday: at Minnesota
x-Thursday at Chicago
Los Angeles 2, Anaheim 2
Los Angeles 3, Anaheim 1
Anaheim 3, Los Angeles 2
Anaheim 2, Los Angeles 0
Monday: at Anaheim
Wednesday at Los Angeles
x-Friday at Anaheim

Sunday

Rangers 3, Penguins 1

Pittsburgh 1 0 0-1
N.Y. Rangers 2 1 0-3
Pittsburgh 1, N.Y. Rangers 3
(Stepan, Stralman), 3:34, 2, N.Y. Rangers, Hagelin 4, 6:25, 3, Pittsburgh, Sutter 6 (Mikkinen, Maslov), 15:30
Second Period—4, N.Y. Rangers, Brassard 4 (Poulin, Maroon), 15:30
Shots on goal—Pittsburgh 15-11-11—37, N.Y. Rangers 14-11-14—29
Power-play opportunities—Pittsburgh 0 of 4; N.Y. Rangers 0 of 6
Goalies—Pittsburgh, Fleury 7-5-0 (29 shots-26 saves), N.Y. Rangers, Lundqvist 7-0-0 (37-37)
A—18,006 (18,006), T—2:35.

Blackhawks 2, Wild 1

Minnesota 1 0 0-1
Chicago 0 1 1-2
Chicago 1, Minnesota 1
Chicago 1, Minnesota 1
First Period—1, Minnesota, Haula 3 (Saurborn), 16:31
Second Period—2, Chicago, Bickell 6 (Kane), 11:27
Third Period—3, Chicago, Toews 5 (Hossa, Sharp), 4:33
Shots on goal—Pittsburgh 8-6-14—28, Chicago 6-15-27—28
Power-play opportunities—Minnesota 0 of 1; Chicago 1 of 2
Goalies—Minnesota, Bryzgalov 3-0-0 (28 shots-26 saves), Chicago, Crawford 7-4-0 (28-27)
A—22,016 (19,717), T—2:32.

Hawks' hard work pays off in Game 5 win over Wild

By JAY COHEN
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — This time, it was hard work for the Chicago Blackhawks. No pretty goals on this night, just get to the front of the net and fight for a chance.

Pushed, poked and prodded by the Minnesota Wild, Jonathan Toews and Co. found a way.

Toews had a tough rebound goal early in the third period, and the Blackhawks beat the Wild 2-1 on Sunday to take a 3-2 series lead in the Western Conference semifinals.

"The whole game, the whole series has been very tight," Chicago coach Joel Quenneville said. "Still not a lot of room and space, but that's what we've got to fight through. I thought we showed more determination in the puck area tonight."

Bryan Bickell also scored and Corey Crawford made 27 saves as Chicago bounced back from consecutive losses in Minnesota that handed the momentum to the Wild heading into Game 5.

"As the game went on, we found ways to play better as a five-man unit," Toews said. "Once one line

would generate a good shift and get us some energy, the next line would follow it right up. I think that's when we're an effective team, when we have four lines going like that and contributing."

Erik Haula scored in the first period for the Wild, and Ilya Bryzgalov had 26 stops.

"We tried to hang on to something we wanted to have happen and we fell victim to it," Wild coach Mike Yeo said.

Game 6 is Tuesday night in Minnesota, where the Wild are undefeated in this postseason. Game 7, if necessary, would be Thursday in Chicago.

Minnesota had a chance to grab the lead in the third but Crawford made a nice kick save on Cody McCormick about 2½ minutes into the period. He also had a solid glove stop on Ryan Suter when the Blackhawks clinging to a 2-1 lead with 4:38 to go.

"We just need a better effort," Wild star Zach Parise said. "Not that it was terrible. I mean, we had our chance to win at the end of the game. We did some things really well. But I think we can be better, and we know we can be better."



NAN Y. HUN/AP

The Blackhawks' Jonathan Toews, right, controls the puck against Minnesota Wild's Matt Cooke in the first period of Game 5 of their second-round playoff series in Chicago on Sunday.

Toews, Marian Hossa and Patrick Sharp combined to put Chicago in front 4½ minutes into the third. Hossa sent the puck in front to Toews at the right post. The captain was stopped by Bryzgalov, but he managed to slam home a

backhand for his fifth goal of the playoffs.

"It was an ugly goal," said Toews, who also had a big hit on Wild forward Mikael Granlund right before he scored. "As a line we were playing well and looking

to find a way to score. I happened to get an ugly one on the side."

The first period looked similar to much of the past two games in Minnesota, with the Wild using their speed and checking ability to shut down Chicago's high-powered attack. The Wild also out-worked the defending Stanley Cup champions early on as Quenneville tried several line combinations looking for a spark.

Blackhawks defenseman Brent Seabrook was whistled for tripping just 29 seconds into the game and Granlund sent an open look off the outside of the right post on the ensuing power play.

A terrific individual effort by Haula put Minnesota in front at 16:33 of the first. He drove through the Chicago zone and kept moving after his first try was stopped by Crawford, flipping a backhand into the net for his third goal of the postseason.

Peter Regin was active for the first time in the playoffs after the Blackhawks scratched Andrew Shaw with a lower-body injury, and Brandon Bollig sat out the first game of a two-game suspension for a hit on Wild defenseman Keith Ballard in Game 4.

MLB



PHOTOS BY MORRY GASH, LEFT, AND KEITH SRAKOCIC, RIGHT/AP

The last time their teams met, the Brewers' Carlos Gomez, left, and the Pirates' Gerrit Cole found themselves in a war of words that quickly escalated to an all-out brawl. Their teams will meet for the first time since the brawl on Tuesday, and while Cole is slated to start on the mound, Gomez' availability is in doubt due to a three-game suspension for his role in the fracas last month.

Central: Brewers set to face Pirates for first time since brawl

FROM BACK PAGE

Here are five things of note around the majors this week:

Rematch: When Pittsburgh's Gerrit Cole faced the Brewers last month, he and Milwaukee's Carlos Gomez exchanged words and the situation quickly escalated into a brawl. Cole is scheduled to pitch at Milwaukee on Tuesday night — although Gomez could end up being suspended for that game. He has appealed a three-game suspension for his role in the bench-clearing fracas, and the Brewers are expected to hear from the league soon about whether the punishment might be reduced.

Tough stretch: We may know more by the end of the week about how seriously to take the Miami Marlins. They're only two games behind first-place Atlanta in the NL East, but their next seven games are on the road against the Los Angeles Dodgers and San Francisco Giants.

Snapped: For the first time all season, Toronto's Jose Bautista

failed to reach base Sunday. The slugging outfielder has helped the Blue Jays stay in the thick of a muddled AL East race, but aside from Mark Buehrle, Toronto's starting pitching has struggled. The Blue Jays have a three-game set at Texas starting Friday night.

Bouncing back: The game's longest winning streak now belongs to Oakland, which has won four straight. This comes after the Athletics dropped five of six at the start of May. Next up for Oakland is a three-game set against Jose Abreu and the Chicago White Sox.

Stat of the Week: Colorado's Troy Tulowitzki, Charlie Blackmon and Justin Morneau are first, second and fourth in the National League in slugging percentage, with only Miami's Giancarlo Stanton slipping between them in third. No team has ever swept the top three spots in either league in that statistic, according to STATS.



GREGORY BULL/AP

Led by right fielder Giancarlo Stanton, the surprising Miami Marlins trail first-place Atlanta by only two games in the NL East, but face a tough stretch of games in the coming week. The Marlins next seven games are on the road against the Los Angeles Dodgers and San Francisco Giants.

Interleague roundup

Reynolds' game-winning RBI single sinks Yankees

The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Mark Reynolds raised his right index finger in the air as his game-ending RBI single bounced safely past the diving third baseman. The bearded slugger was mobbed at first by smiling teammates pulling on his jersey and patting his head.

Reynolds' hit drove home Rickie Weeks from third with two outs in the ninth, and the Milwaukee Brewers overcame Francisco Rodriguez's first blown save of the season for a 6-5 win Sunday over the New York Yankees.

Rodriguez had given up a game-tying homer to Mark Teixeira on a 3-2 pitch with two outs in the top of the ninth.

No wonder the Brewers looked like a bunch of giddy Little Leaguers.

"It was great, you come back the next half-inning and do that? That's outstanding," manager Ron Roenicke said.

It was the kind of scrappy victory Roenicke sought with third baseman Aramis Ramirez sidelined by a hamstring injury and outfielder Ryan Braun already on the disabled list with an oblique injury. He also gave another one of his top hitters, Jonathan Lucroy, a day off behind the plate.

Rodriguez (1-0) did pick up the win. The Brewers' typically stingy bullpen allowed two runs to New York, including Yaneervis Solarte's run-scoring single in the seventh that drew New York within a run.

This time, the Brewers' bats picked up the relievers.

Weeks doubled just inside the first base line with one out before going to third on a wild pitch by reliever Adam Warren (1-2). Reynolds followed two batters later and delivered the hard chopper past Solarte to end the game.

"I got 0-2, got ahead, one pitch away and didn't bury the pitch like I should have," Warren said.

The back-and-forth final few innings took another roller-coaster turn in the top of the ninth when Teixeira reached out for a low-and-away changeup from Rodriguez for a homer to right. It was the first run allowed all season by Rodriguez, who blew his first save after 15 straight successful opportunities.

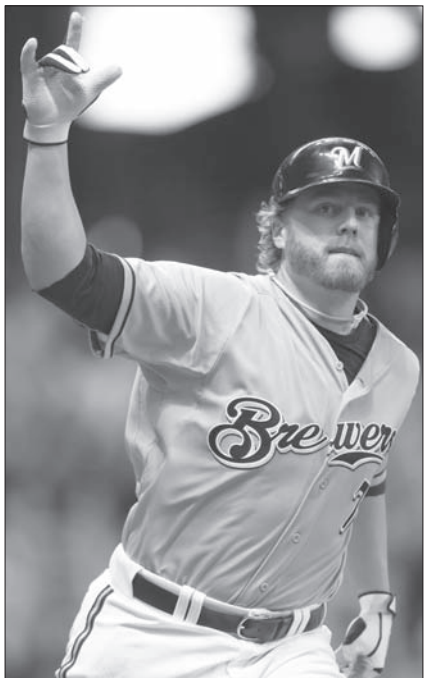
"Sometimes you've got to pick them up because he's been picking us up a lot," Reynolds said.

Reynolds finished 2-for-5, though his game-winner came by an unexpected fashion for someone known as a feast-or-famine slugger and hitting .235.

"Great team win; everybody chipping in," Roenicke said.

The Brewers found a way despite two more injury scares.

Star outfielder Carlos Gomez



JEFFREY PHELPS/AP

The Milwaukee Brewers' Mark Reynolds reacts to his game-winning hit against the New York Yankees during the ninth inning of Sunday's game in Milwaukee. The Brewers won 6-5.

was hit in the left forearm by a pitch from starter David Phelps in the third, causing him to writhe in pain a few seconds. He stayed in the game, and Roenicke said X-rays were negative. Starter Matt Garza limped off after fielding a comebacker that glanced off his left quad to end the fifth. Garza said he was fine.

Athletics 9, Nationals 1: Derek Norris hit a pair of three-run home runs to back Scott Kazmir's fifth win as the Athletics beat the visiting Nationals to complete a series sweep.

Both of Norris' home runs came on identical two-out, 3-0 pitches from Washington starter and former Oakland pitcher Gio Gonzalez (3-3).

Nick Punto added two hits and three RBIs while Brandon Moss singled twice and doubled. Oakland has won four straight since dropping five of six against Bos-

ton and Seattle.

Kazmir (5-1) bounced back from his first loss of the year to pitch seven scoreless innings while allowing only four hits.

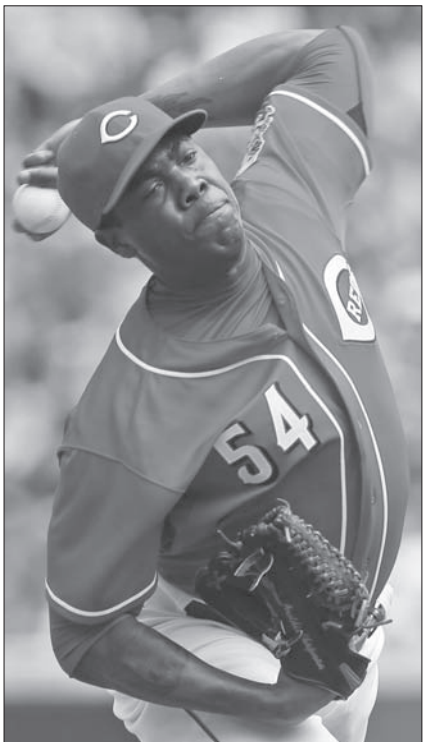
Diamondbacks 5, White Sox 1: Chase Anderson won his major league debut, Gerardo Parra and Miguel Montero homered as visiting Arizona beat Chicago.

Recalled Tuesday from Double-A Mobile, Anderson (1-0) hadn't seen any action until Sunday and he excelled in his first big league appearance, at one point retiring 12 consecutive batters. He allowed one run and only two hits in 5½ innings while striking out six, helping Arizona win for the fourth time in five games and secure its third consecutive series for the first time since June 2012.

Parra's fifth-inning drive off Hector Noesi (0-3) gave Arizona a 3-0 lead.

A-30,447 (47,476).

MLB



AL BEHRMAN/AP

Reds relief pitcher Aroldis Chapman throws against the Rockies in the ninth inning Sunday in Cincinnati. Chapman earned his first save of the year as the Reds won 4-1, making his first appearance since being hit in the head with a line drive in spring training.

NL roundup

Reds' Chapman makes return

Reliever helps Cincinnati beat Colorado in first outing since beaming

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Aroldis Chapman let baseball know in his own way that his long journey back from an scary injury was complete: with a 100 mph strike to the game's hottest hitter.

Chapman made his first major league appearance since being hit above the eye by a line drive during spring training, striking out the side in the ninth with his 100 mph fastball to close out the Cincinnati Reds' 4-1 victory over the Colorado Rockies 4-1 Sunday.

"I am really happy to get out there for the first time," said Chapman through a translator. "They are a good team but I was mentally prepared to face them. Facing those type of hitters make you feel better, than if you just break the ice."

Chapman walked Troy Tulowitzki, who started the day leading the National League with a .405 batting average, but had an easy inning.

Todd Frazier hit his second 400-foot home run in three days to back Homer Bailey's shutdown pitching as Cincinnati won the rubber match of its three-game series with Colorado.

"It was great to see Aroldis. The confidence and determination he had was very cool," said Frazier without a thought to his second home run of the series or his 11-game hitting streak.

Chapman was greeted by a standing ovation from the crowd of 33,143. He reached 100 mph with his first pitch and topped out at 102 mph in earning the save. Chapman had been out since being hit above the left eye by a line drive during a spring training game on March 19.

"I was excited to get back, but I was even more excited when I heard the fans," Chapman said.

Skip Schumaker drove in two runs and the Reds capitalized on two Colorado throwing errors to send the Rockies to their third loss in four games.

Besides contributing two sacrifice bunts, Bailey (3-2) limited a Colorado offense that produced 11 runs and 16 hits on Saturday night to one run — Charlie Blackmon's ninth home of the season and second in two games — and four hits with two walks and six strikeouts in 7½ innings.

Giants 7, Dodgers 4: Pablo Sandoval and Hector Sanchez hit RBI singles in the 10th inning as visiting San Francisco recovered to beat Los Angeles



AL BEHRMAN/AP

Reds reliever Aroldis Chapman, left, is congratulated by Jay Bruce after the Reds' 4-1 win over the Rockies on Sunday.

after closer Sergio Romo gave up a tying homer to Hanley Ramirez. Brandon Hicks hit a two-run shot off Clayton Kershaw, and Buster Posey had an RBI single for NL West-leading San Francisco.

Braves 5, Cubs 2: Evan Gattis hit a tiebreaking homer and Jason Heyward added a two-run shot as host Atlanta beat Chicago to complete a three-game sweep. Aaron Harang (4-3) gave up two runs in six innings with nine strikeouts. David Carpenter pitched the ninth for his second save as closer Craig Kimbrel was rested after pitching two straight days.

Mets 5, Phillies 4 (11): Daniel Murphy and host New York suddenly rallied for three runs in the ninth inning against Philadelphia's improvised bullpen, then ended a five-game losing streak off Ruben Tejada's single in the 11th.

Padres 5, Marlins 4: Will Venable hit a leadoff homer as host San Diego beat Miami for its first three-game winning streak of the season. The resurgent Padres offense, which has scored 24 runs in three games, also got two hits and two RBIs from Chris Denorfia.

Cardinals 6, Pirates 5: Shelby Miller won his fourth straight start and Trevor Rosenthal induced a bases-loaded double play to end the game as visiting St. Louis held off Pittsburgh.

AL roundup

Escobar, Giavotella HRs lift Royals over Mariners

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Johnny Giavotella took advantage of a rattled Seattle reliever to lift the Kansas City Royals.

His three-run homer in the seventh inning helped the Royals beat the Mariners 7-5 on Sunday.

The Royals' seventh began with a double by Eric Hosmer. Reliever Danny Farquhar then struck out Billy Butler and appeared to strike out Danny Valencia on a 2-2 curveball. But home plate umpire Marcus Pattillo called it a ball, causing Farquhar to throw up his arms in disgust.

"I'm pretty sure umpires don't like that," Valencia said.

Farquhar certainly was miffed and it seemed to have an impact on the rest of his inning. He would go on to walk Valencia and Alex Gordon, loading the bases. Lorenzo Cain tied the game with a sacrifice fly to center. Then Giavotella, promoted from Triple-A Omaha on Thursday, hit Farquhar's first

pitch for his first home run.

"Sometimes you want pitches and they are not called," Farquhar said. "You can't let that affect you. I want everything called a strike, so that is nothing different for me."

Valencia added, "it's part of the game. It's going to happen. No one's perfect out there. Fortunately, it was in my favor."

Alcides Escobar had given the Royals the early lead with a second-inning ground slam off starter Roenis Elias.

But the Mariners rallied behind Dustin Ackley's two-run homers and Kyle Seager's two-run shot to take a 7-5 lead by the fifth.

Crow and Davis held the Mariners to one hit each and Holland came on in the ninth to pick up his ninth save in 10 opportunities.

Louis Coleman (1-0), who worked a scoreless sixth, earned the victory.

The Mariners committed a season-high five errors.



TED S. WARREN/AP

The Royals' Johnny Giavotella, left, is greeted by Alcides Escobar after Giavotella hit a three-run home run in the seventh inning of Sunday's 7-5 win over the Mariners in Seattle.

Red Sox 5, Rangers 2: A.J. Pierzynski and Mike Napoli had run-producing hits in the first inning against the home team as visiting Boston got above .500 for

the first time since three games into the season with a series-clinching victory at Texas.

Indians 6, Rays 5: Josh Tomlin (2-0) won his second straight start

and Nyjer Morgan and Michael Bourn both drove in two runs as visiting Cleveland took the rubber game of a three-game series with Tampa Bay.

Astros 5, Orioles 2: Jason Castro and Marc Krauss homered to account for all of Houston's runs as visiting Houston beat Baltimore to avoid a three-game sweep.

Angels 9, Blue Jays 3: Jered Weaver won his fourth straight decision, Hank Conger hit a three-run homer and had a career-high five RBIs as visiting Los Angeles beat Toronto for their seventh straight win over the Blue Jays.

Twins 4, Tigers 3: Eduardo Nunez hit a tiebreaking single in the eighth inning as Minnesota rallied to beat Detroit. The Twins took advantage of poor defense by the Tigers in the late innings, scoring three runs in the eighth, and spoiling another fine start by Detroit rookie Robbie Ray.

NBA/COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Sterling apology:
'I'm not a racist'

Clippers' owner says he made 'terrible mistake'; rules say wife can't keep stake

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling apologized Sunday for racist comments captured on tape, saying they were a "terrible mistake."

"I'm not a racist," Sterling told CNN's Anderson Cooper in excerpts posted from an interview taped Sunday and set to air Monday. "I made a terrible mistake. I'm here to apologize."

In his first public comments since being banned for life from the NBA, Sterling said years of good behavior as an owner should count toward his future.

"I'm a good member who made a mistake," Sterling said. "Am I entitled to one mistake, am I after 35 years? I mean, I love my league, I love my partners. Am I entitled to one mistake? It's a terrible mistake, and I'll never do it again."

The interview came nearly two weeks after NBA Commissioner Adam Silver banned Sterling, fined him \$2.5 million and urged the other league owners to force him to sell the team.

Sterling said he wanted to make a public apology because he was

"emotionally distraught."

"The reason it's hard for me, very hard for me, is that I'm wrong," Sterling said. "I caused the problem. I don't know how to correct it."

He later added, "If the owners feel I have another chance, then they'll give it to me."

Sterling's comments came on the same day ABC News posted excerpts of an interview his estranged wife gave to Barbara Walters.

Shelly Sterling said she would fight to keep her 50 percent ownership stake of the team.

"I will fight that decision," Shelly Sterling said. "To be honest with you, I'm wondering if a wife of one of the owners, and there's 30 owners, did something like that, said those racist words, would they oust the husband? Or would they leave the husband in?"

"I don't know why I should be punished for what his actions were."

NBA spokesman Mike Bass released a statement Sunday night in response to Shelly Sterling's comments.

"Under the NBA constitution,



GARY FRIEDMAN, LOS ANGELES TIMES/MCT

Donald Sterling, center, owner of the Los Angeles Clippers, watches a 2011 game with his estranged wife, Shelly, left. After she said she would fight to keep her stake in the team following her husband's lifetime ban, the league issued a statement that rules dictate all owners' interests will be terminated.

if a controlling owner's interest is terminated by a three-quarter vote, all other team owners' interests are automatically terminated as well," Bass said. "It doesn't matter whether the owners are related as is the case here. These are the rules to which all NBA owners agreed to as a condition of owning their team."

Shelly Sterling's attorney, Pierce O'Donnell, responded to the NBA's statement.

"We do not agree with the league's self-serving interpretation of its constitution, its application to Shelly Sterling or its validity under these unique

circumstances," O'Donnell said. "We live in a nation of laws. California law and the United States Constitution trump any such interpretation."

ABC posted initial excerpts of Shelly Sterling's interview and planned to air the rest of it Monday.

Shelly Sterling also said she "eventually" will divorce her husband, and that she hadn't yet done so due to financial considerations.

"For the last 20 years, I've been seeing attorneys for a divorce," she said. "In fact, I have here — I just filed — I was going to file the

petition. I signed the petition for a divorce. And it came to almost being filed. And then, my financial adviser and my attorney said to me, 'Not now.'"

LeBron James said Sunday after the Miami Heat practiced for Game 4 of the Eastern Conference semifinals against the Brooklyn Nets that NBA players believe nobody in the Sterling family should be able to own the Clippers if he's gone.

"As players, we want what's right and we don't feel like no one in his family should be able to own the team," James said.

Richmond coaches remembered as shining lights

By HANK KURZ JR.

The Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — One was the constant in Richmond women's basketball, the beloved assistant coach who had been on staff for 15 seasons, remaining through two coaching changes. The other was hardly out of college, always cheerful and willing to help and with a demeanor that led others to expect great things.

As the University of Richmond on Sunday grieved the losses of associate head coach Ginny Doyle and director of basketball operations Amanda Lewis in a fiery hot-air balloon accident, friends and colleagues praised them as shining faces of the program and whose expertise and cheer will be difficult to replace.

"There's not a person in this business that doesn't see Ginny as just a light," Joanne Boyle, now the coach at Virginia, said of Doyle, who was on her staff with the Spiders from 2002-05. "She was just a light for other people, and when you talk about this business and the genuineness and caring about the kids and what's best for the student-athletes, she epitomized that, and I know people would line up to say that about her."

Doyle and Lewis died Friday night when

'She gave her heart to that school ... Her life was about serving other people.'

Former Richmond coach on associate head coach Ginny Doyle, who died in a hot air balloon accident

their balloon drifted into a power line, burst into flames and fell into a heavily wooded area about 25 miles north of Richmond. They were there for a special preview of a festival set to open Saturday.

Doyle, 44, was hired by Bob Foley at Richmond in 1999. When Boyle got her first head coaching job, replacing Foley at Richmond, Doyle "just rose to the top" in an interview and Boyle decided to keep her on staff.

She also tried to get Doyle to come along when she left for California, but with no luck. Instead, Doyle stayed on again when Michael Shafer took over, and rose three years ago to associate head coach.

"She would talk about Richmond and the school as though she had started the university," Boyle said Saturday. "That's how entrenched she was in that community. ... She gave her heart to that school, and that being said, she did the same with her family. ... Her life was about serving other people."

The same was true for Lewis, a four-year letter-winner in swimming who just completed her second season with the basketball program. Her job required great organization skills as she made travel, hotel

and bus arrangements for the team, planned for meals and handled day-to-day basketball business.

Broadcaster Matt Smith said, she was a shining light, too.

"Sometimes when you work in sports, coaches can be so high strung and so focused on the next game or what's going on that you feel almost uncomfortable when you go into the office, but her being the first one that you would see, she always had a smile on her face," Smith said. "She was destined to really be good at whatever she choose to do professionally because of her attitude and the way she treated people."

Smith was far more familiar with Doyle, whom he met as a junior in the 1990-91 season, her first with the Spiders after transferring from George Washington. It also was his first time calling the women's games on the radio, and Doyle became a



Lewis

star of a team coming off a Colonial Athletic Association title and NCAA bid.

She later figured in one of the most revered moments in the program's history. As a senior, she set an NCAA record — for men or women — by making 66 consecutive free throws, an accomplishment that earned her dubious recognition from CBS college basketball analyst Bill Packer.

Packer, an 81.9 percent free-throw shooter at Wake Forest in his playing days, scoffed at the record on air and noted that women use a slightly smaller ball, which in his mind made it less impressive.

Hearing that Packer was going to be in Richmond on another matter, the school invited him to come shoot against Doyle, and about 1,200 fans watched the duel at the Robins Center on Feb. 2, 1992.

It was no contest: Doyle, using a men's ball, overcame her nervousness by making 20 of 20, with only two of them touching the rim. Packer, to the delight of the crowd, missed eight of his 20 attempts.

Her record has since been broken, but years later her foul shooting, as well as her love of the game and her players, remained on display, according to Robert Fish, a Richmond alum who also has called women's games on radio.

"When I would go to practice to do an interview with [Shafer], Ginny would be in there playing one-on-one with somebody, or challenging somebody to a free throw shooting contest," Fish said.

"The kids loved her."



Doyle

NBA PLAYOFFS

Scoreboard

Second round

(Best-of-seven; x-if necessary)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Miami 2, Brooklyn 1

Miami 107, Brooklyn 94

Miami 94, Brooklyn 82

Brooklyn 104, Miami 90

Monday at Brooklyn

Wednesday at Miami

x-Friday at Brooklyn

x-Sunday, May 18 at Miami

Indiana 3, Washington 1

Washington 102, Indiana 96

Indiana 86, Washington 82

Indiana 85, Washington 63

Sunday: Indiana 85, Washington 92

Tuesday at Indiana

x-Thursday at Washington

x-Sunday, May 18 at Indiana

WESTERN CONFERENCE

San Antonio 3, Portland 0

San Antonio 116, Portland 92

San Antonio 114, Portland 97

San Antonio 118, Portland 103

Monday at Portland

x-Wednesday at San Antonio

x-Friday at Portland

x-Monday, May 19 at San Antonio

Oklahoma City 2, L.A. Clippers 2

L.A. Clippers 122, Oklahoma City 105

Oklahoma City 112, L.A. Clippers 101

Oklahoma City 118, L.A. Clippers 112

Sunday: L.A. Clippers 101, Oklahoma City 99

Tuesday at Oklahoma City

Thursday at L.A. Clippers

x-Sunday, May 18 at Oklahoma City

Sunday

Pacers 95, Wizards 92

INDIANA — George 12-20 8-10 39, West 5-12 4-6 14, Hibbert 5-12 5-7 17, G.Hill 5-12 2-15, Stephenson 3-8 0-8, Mahinmi 0-2 0-0, Turner 0-2 0-0, Watson 1-4 0-0 2, Scoia 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 33-73 19-29 95.

WASHINGTON — Ariza 6-11 2-2 16, Nene 5-14 0-0 10, Gortat 1-3 0-0 2, Wall 4-11 3-4 12, Beal 7-14 4-6 20, Gooden 5-10 0-0 10, Webster 2-3 0-0 4, Harrington 4-7 3-4 11, Miller 2-6 3-3 7, Temple 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-79 15-19 92.

Indiana 27 11 33 24-95

Washington 26 29 17 20-92

Three-Point Goals—Indiana 10-22

(George 7-10, Stephenson 2-4, G.Hill 1-5, Watson 0-3, Washington 5-15)

Ariza 2-4, Beal 2-4, Wall 1-3, Webster 0-1, Gooden 0-1, Harrington 0-2, Fouled Out—None

Rebounds—Indiana 55 (George 12), Washington 42 (Ariza 9), Assists—Indiana 20 (West 8), Washington 22 (Wall 7)

Total Fouls—Indiana 19, Washington 23.

A—20,586 (20,388)

Clippers 101, Thunder 99

OKLAHOMA CITY — Durant 12-24 15-18 40, Ibaka 2-5 2-2 8, Perkins 0-2 1-2 1, Westbrook 10-22 6-6 27, Sefolosha 2-4 0-0 4, Jackson 4-8 0-0 10, Butler 2-7 1-2 6, Adams 0-0 1-4 1, N.Collison 1-3 0-0 2, Fisher 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-75 26-34 99.

L.A. CLIPPERS — Barnes 0-6 0-0 0, Griffin 8-19 9-11 25, Jordan 3-5 1-7 7, Paul 10-23 4-23, Redick 2-8 1-1 6, Crawford 7-16 2-2 18, Davis 2-3 0-0 4, D.Collison 7-12 4-4 18, Granger 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 39-83 20-29 101.

Oklahoma City 32 25 18 24-99

L.A. Clippers 15 31 17 38-101

Three-Point Goals—Oklahoma City 7-24

(Ibaka 2-2, Jackson 2-3, Westbrook 1-4, Butler 1-5, Durant 1-7, N.Collison 0-1, Sefolosha 0-2)

L.A. Clippers 3-21

(Crawford 2-8, Redick 1-3, Granger 0-1, D.Collison 0-1, Paul 0-4, Barnes 0-4)

Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Oklahoma City 58 (Durant 7), L.A. Clippers 95 (Jordan 14), Assists—Oklahoma City 17 (Westbrook 8), L.A. Clippers 23 (Paul 10)

Total Fouls—Oklahoma City 27, L.A. Clippers 24

Technical—Perkins, Westbrook, Granger, Davis, Jackson, three second, Jordan, A—19,365 (19,060)

Clippers fight back to knot series

OKC squanders 40-point effort from Durant

By BETH HARRIS

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — After being thoroughly outplayed for over 40 minutes, the Los Angeles Clippers fought back.

Leading the way was a player not known for coming up big in the clutch.

Darven Collison scored eight of his 18 points in the final 2:58, rallying the Clippers past the Oklahoma City Thunder 101-99 on Sunday to tie the Western Conference semifinal series 2-2.

"Even though we didn't play well throughout the game, we were able to get a win," Collison said. "That feels more impressive than anything we did."

Russell Westbrook, who scored 27 points, missed a three-pointer and Serge Ibaka's tip attempt was too late at the buzzer, allowing the Clippers to salvage a game they trailed until the final 1:23.

Blake Griffin led Los Angeles with 25 points, making 9 of 11 free throws. DeAndre Jordan had 14 rebounds, helping the Clippers win the boards, 45-43 — the first time in 11 playoff games the Thunder were outboarded.

"We just willed this one. We found a way," said Chris Paul, who had 23 points and 10 assists.

"We let this one slip away," said Kevin Durant, who scored 40 points, hitting 15 of 18 free throws. "We could have took control of the series."

Game 5 is Tuesday night in Oklahoma City.

"We were almost on the mat and we got off of it. We didn't get pinned," Clippers coach Doc Rivers said. "They're seething right now. They had an opportunity to go up 3-1 and now it's an even series."



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

Los Angeles Clippers forward Blake Griffin, right, is hit in the groin by Oklahoma City Thunder forward Serge Ibaka as he shoots in Game 4 of their Western Conference semifinal series Sunday in Los Angeles.

George powers Pacers past Wizards

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When Frank Vogel wanted to give Paul George a rest, George said no.

When the coach offered to have George expend less energy by guarding someone other than sharp-shooting Bradley Beal, George said no.

After all, the Indiana Pacers were in a hole against the Washington Wizards, one that grew as large as 19 points early in the second half. And George was the one player who was really on his game.

George was subbed only once — for the final 1:37 of the first quarter — and finished with a career playoff-high 39 points Sunday night as the Pacers rallied past the Wizards 95-92 to a take a 3-1 series lead in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

"Usually Coach takes me out to get a breather, but I knew every horn that

sounded wasn't for somebody coming to my head," George said. "I already had it in my mind that I was pretty much going to go the whole distance."

George scored 28 points after halftime and finished 12-for-20 from the field. His seven three-pointers tied a franchise playoff record. He also had 12 rebounds and had enough legs under him to make the final steal of the game — chasing down Trevor Ariza's errant inbound pass when the Wizards were trying to set up a tying basket in the final 10 seconds.

"They played a terrific basketball game," Vogel said of the Wizards, "but sometimes you can be outdone by a special performance. And Paul George, what he did tonight was special. No other way to put it."

The Pacers can close out the series Tuesday night when they host Game 5.

Roy Hibbert scored 15 of his 17 points in the second half, continuing a recent surge

in a playoffs of extremes for the 7-foot-2 All-Star center. He had no points in Game 1, 28 in Game 2 and 14 in Game 3. He has been getting advice and support from plenty of sources — including his former Georgetown coach John Thompson III — but on Sunday he said his motivational boost came from a heckling fan.

"He woke me up," Hibbert said. "He said I was tired. He was saying a lot of obscenities. I'm a God-fearing man, so I'm not going to go ahead and say what he was saying."

An All-Star still in search of a spark is the Wizards' John Wall, who scored 12 points on 4-for-11 shooting and committed five turnovers. For the series, he's 16 for 51, including 12-for-11 from three-point range, and has 12 turnovers in the last two games.

"John's going to close out games," said Wizards coach Randy Wittman, "and this is part of his growing up."



ALEX BRANDON/AP

Indiana Pacers forward Paul George shoots during Washington Wizards forwards Nene and Drew Gooden on Sunday in Washington.

SPORTS



Spirit of St. Louis

Rangers right wing helps New York
avoid elimination, force Game 7 | **Page 26**



MLB

Off and running

New manager Ausmus has Tigers back atop Central

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Minnesota manager Ron Gardenhire has noticed a subtle difference in the Detroit Tigers this season.

"I know this team is running a lot more," Gardenhire said of the AL Central leaders. "That's probably the manager, comes in here and kind of opens it up a little bit."

Under new manager Brad Ausmus, the Tigers have already stolen 30 bases in 40 attempts. They went 35-for-55 through all of last season. Although Detroit lost Sunday to Gardenhire's Twins, the Tigers (21-12) have baseball's best record thanks to a recent eight-game winning streak.

Ausmus replaced Jim Leyland, who stepped down after

Detroit's third straight division title last year. The transition to Ausmus has been almost completely devoid of drama. The Tigers added Rajai Davis and Ian Kinsler in the offseason, and Davis has already stolen 12 bases.

But the aggressiveness on the basepaths is a fairly minor change in the grand scheme of things. Detroit is averaging 4.9 runs per game — the same amount as last season. As in

2013, the Tigers are winning with a terrific starting rotation, with Justin Verlander and Max Scherzer still the headliners.

Of the five teams with new managers this year, Detroit is experiencing the most success early. The Seattle Mariners (Lloyd McClendon) and Washington Nationals (Matt Williams) are each a game above .500 under their new skipper. Meanwhile, Bryan Price and the Cincinnati Reds (17-19) have struggled to get untracked, while Rick Renteria and the Chicago Cubs (12-24) may be headed for a rough season.

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Division dominators

After 3 straight division titles under Jim Leyland, Detroit is back in first place behind new manager Brad Ausmus.



Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	21	12	.636	—
Chicago	19	20	.487	5
Kansas City	18	19	.486	5
Cleveland	18	20	.474	5½
Minnesota	17	19	.472	5½

Minnesota Twins second baseman Brian Dozier bobbles the throw from catcher Kurt Suzuki, allowing Detroit's Andrew Romine to steal second base. The Tigers are running more under new manager Brad Ausmus, having already stolen 30 bases on 40 attempts. The Tigers were 35-for-55 on steal attempts all last season.

CARLOS OSORIO/AP